

9.22.19 - Big Story of the Bible: Practice of Reading Scripture - Tim Knipp

Leader Prep Section

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a **few** questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

Goal: Encourage the discipline of Bible reading

Hook - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- What's your favorite story / passage in the Bible and why?

Background / Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-3

- Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately? (Remind those who share that we'll likely return to their ideas in our discussion!)

Book - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- How were the Israelites supposed to live on God's Word and not on bread alone? What would v. 3 have meant to them?

Look - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- Why was knowing God's Word important for the Israelites? Why is it important for us today?
- How can we experience Bible reading as life giving, instead of something we just have to do?

Took - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- What does your relationship with God's Word look like right now? How often do you read / listen? What are you reading right now? Has it been encouraging for you?
- What are some ways you want to grow in your love of the Word this year?
- What are some barriers you face as you set out to know God's Word better? (lack of time / motivations, distractions, not knowing where to start, not understanding)
- Have you ever used a Bible reading plan before? How did it go?
- How can we, as a group, encourage each other in our understanding of the Bible?
- Pray using Psalm 119

Bible Reading Plans:

- <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/>
- YouVersion app