

A Toolkit for Christian Living
Faithful and Fruitful Bible Reading: Pt. 2 – Know the Story

Bible Reading: Psalm 2, Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:25-27, John 5:31-47

Opening Questions for Reflection and Review

In one sentence how would you summarize the story of the Bible?

In two minutes how would you summarize the story of the Bible?

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What does it mean to read the Bible faithfully and fruitfully?

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How should our understanding of the inspiration and illumination of Scripture by the Holy Spirit shape the way that we read the Bible?

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The Redemptive Story of Scripture (John 5, Luke 24, Acts 3)

What is your biggest challenge in reading the Old Testament (OT)?

How should our knowledge of Christ shape our reading of the OT?

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How did Jesus defend himself and his actions to Jewish leaders?

Why did Jesus say Moses accused them before God the Father?

According to Peter, what/who did the OT prophets testify about?

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How did Jesus teach/interpret the Bible for his disciples in Lk. 24?

Why should we read/interpret the OT in a Christ centered way?

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Christ Centered Bible Reading and Interpretation

Give yourself a bit of extra time each day to read the Bible and try to follow the steps that were outlined and demonstrated in the sermon: (1) **Pray**, (2) **Read**, (3) **Ask Questions**, (4) **Make Notes**.

- What does this passage reveal about God’s nature?
- What does this passage reveal about human nature?
- Does this passage highlight a sin that I need to repent of?
- Are there commands in this passage that I need to obey?
- Are there promises that I need to remember and believe?
- **How does this passage point me to Christ and the Gospel?**

Focus on the last question and practice reading the Old Testament in a Christ centered way. Below, are passages for study, but we should always apply this principle when we read the OT.

Historical Narrative: Genesis 22 (*Abraham and Isaac*)

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The Law: Exodus 20 (*The Ten Commandments*)

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Prophetic and Apocalyptic: Daniel 7 (*The Son of Man*)

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Psalms and Wisdom Literature: Psalm 2 (*God’s Anointed Son*)

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Passages for Further Study: Genesis 12, Genesis 15, Exodus 12, Leviticus 16, Numbers 21, Deuteronomy 18, 2 Samuel 7, Psalm 22, Psalm 72, Ps. 100, Isaiah 11, Ezekiel 36, Zechariah 3, Matthew 1, John 6, Acts 7, Romans 4, the book of Hebrews, Revelation 22