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**THE L3 BIBLE READING PLAN**

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## READING THE BIBLE FOR YOURSELF

Reading the Bible is one the most important things you'll ever learn to do. Think about it: God, the same God who spoke the universe and stars into existence. The same God who said a word and the wind and the waves obeyed Him. That same God wants to speak to you.

The main way He speaks to you is through the Bible. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that "all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training." The Bible isn't a boring old book. It's not just a bunch of made up fairy tales. It's

God's breath on a page. And it's useful. It shows you who God is, who you are, and who He wants you to be. In fact, you will never become who God created and saved you to be without regularly hearing from Him through reading the Bible for yourself.

That's all great, but where do you start? To help you, we've created a reading plan called the Story Plan. It takes you through the big Story of the Bible by looking at the smaller stories of the Bible. Through it, you will hear from the God who loves you & wants to speak to you.



## THE STORY PLAN

**WHERE TO FIND IT.** The best place to find and keep up with what story you'll be reading on any given day is on the Pinelake App. Go [here](#) for links to download the app to various devices.

**HOW TO USE IT.** On the next page you'll find a method you can use to help you know how to read a story or passage in the Bible. On the left side are questions that will help you understand what the story means & how you can apply it to your life. But don't feel like you have to answer every question; they're just there to help you if you're stuck or need a place to start. Write your notes in the blank squares on the right side, in a journal, or on your phone.

**CATCH-UP DAYS.** The Story Plan contains five days of reading per week, with catch-up days on Saturday & Sunday if you get behind. If you get really behind, don't sweat it. Just jump back in with whatever story is on the app for that day. Focus on learning about and hearing from God, not checking off every story in the plan.

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## READ

- Pray first. Then read the whole story.
- What words do you not know?
- What questions do you have?
- What things stick out to you?
- Who are key characters? Key places?
- Summarize the story in your own words.

## EXAMINE

- What does the story tell us about God?
- What does the story tell us about people or the world?
- How does this story point to Jesus?
- What promises or instructions are given?
- What is the main point of the story?

## APPLY

- How should you live, think, or feel differently because of what you've read?
- Think of a situation you are in now. How would one of the faithful characters in this story act in your situation?
- Is there anything you should start, continue or stop doing because of this story?

## PRAY

- Praise God for what He has shown about Himself in the story.
- Repent & ask for forgiveness for anything God showed you needs to change in your life through the story.
- Pray for grace to live, think, or feel differently because of what you've read.