

Bible Journaling Tips

Always begin your Bible reading with prayer. Ask God to open your eyes to what He has to say to you through His Word.

As you read, ask yourself who, what, where, when, why, and how. For instance:

- Who is part of the chapter? Who is speaking? Who is doing?
- What is taking place? What is commanded? What is promised? What is denounced? What is taught?
- Where does the chapter take place?
- When does the chapter take place?
- Why is this chapter a part of God's Word? Why did these things happen?
- How did these things happen? How do I live out the lesson?

Gospel Reading Tips

If you're reading from one of the gospels, try asking yourself these questions:

- Is this passage about Jesus' life or teaching?
- What are the details of the events that happened?
- Who were Jesus' friends?
- Who were Jesus' enemies? Why?
- How did people respond to Jesus or the message He gave in this passage?
- Are there other passages that tell this same story in a slightly different way?
- What other details are in those other accounts?
- What did I learn about Jesus/God/the Spirit in this passage?
- Did Jesus quote other Scripture in the passage?
- Does He condemn something? Why?
- What things does He encourage? Command? Promise?
- How can I apply this passage to my life?

Parable Reading Tips

If you're reading a parable, try asking yourself these questions:

- What is the parable or story?
- What event or question led to Jesus telling this parable?
- What interpretation of the parable is given?
- Are there other passages that tell this same story in a slightly different way?
- What central truth does this parable convey?
- Can I apply this parable to my life somehow?