



## R.E.A.P. Bible Reading Guide

R.E.A.P. is meant as a helpful guide as you read through a passage of Scripture. You do not need to work through every question each time you read a passage. Pick the most relevant questions and let them help you meditate on God's Word.

It can also be helpful to consult a study Bible like the ESV Study Bible to assist you in answering some of the questions below. Most importantly, always pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand before reading the Bible (Psalm 119:18)!

### **READ - What does it say?**

Make observations as you read the passage by asking the "W" questions

- Who - Who is writing? Who is he writing to? If a story, who are the characters?
- What - What is the author talking about? What is he saying about what he is talking about?
- Where - Where is the author when he is writing? If it is a story, where is it taking place?
- When - When is it being written or when does the story take place?

### **EXAMINE - What does it mean?**

Interpret the meaning of the passage by asking more questions

- What is repeated, emphasized, or contrasted in the passage?
- What did the passage mean to its original audience?
- What does the passage reveal about God?
- What does the passage reveal about humanity?
- How does the passage point to Jesus?

### **APPLY - Why does it matter?**

Since the Bible is God's Word, we ought to seek to respond to God's Word with faith and obedience. As you read, ask yourself what needs to change in light of the passage.

- What do I need to do, believe, or change in light of this passage?
- Are there any commands to obey?
- Are there any examples to follow (or not follow)?
- Are there any truths to believe?

### **PRAY - How can I change?**

We need God's help to trust and obey Scripture. That's why it's so important to take time to respond to God's Word in prayer, asking Him for help. You can use P.R.A.Y.

- Praise - Praise God for something you've seen in His Word today
- Repent - Confess any sin the Holy Spirit has revealed or any way you have not been living in alignment with God's Word
- Ask - Ask God to help you apply His Word today. That could be help believing a truth about God or obeying a command, etc...
- Yield - Commit to live in light of what God has said in His Word today