



The Bread of Heaven

Focus The Bible is a book given to us by God that has the power to change every area of our lives. We must use it every day, and as we do, we'll discover the Word of God Himself (Jesus).

Open Where did you get your first Bible? What was it like? Do you still have it?

Read Whether you prefer to call it "the Scriptures," "the Word," "the Good Book" or any other name, the Bible is a gift from God. Every book, every story reveals Jesus to us and gives us the power to become more like Him. Yet far too many Christians don't read it very often and are therefore unable to receive the wisdom and faith that comes through the Word of God. We must re-establish the practice of reading the Bible so we can continually re-establish the Word (Jesus) as the only foundation of our lives.

- Talk**
1. Do you find reading the Bible fun? Tedious? Difficult to understand? Enjoyable? Drudgery? Why?
 2. Read Deuteronomy 8:3 and Joshua 1:8. These and other scriptures show that God designed us to need His Word *daily*. Why do you think God designed us to need His Word on a daily basis? Why not weekly or any other time frame?

3. What is different about reading the Bible for ourselves versus hearing it from another person (e.g., via a sermon)? Why is it important to make Bible reading a personal habit?
4. What do we receive from God when we read His Word?
5. What is the difference between information, revelation and transformation? What does the Bible provide?

Live

1. If you were to read the Bible daily (or more often than you currently do), what change(s) would you expect to see in your life or what difference would it make?
2. Do you have a Bible reading goal? What is it? If you don't have one, what goal would you like to set for yourself? (When will you read the Bible each day? For how long? Where?)
3. Write down your Bible reading goal for this week and/or tell another person what it is.

Pray

Thank the Lord for giving us the Bible and for the revelation that He gives as we read it. Ask for the wisdom to understand what you read and for specific revelation. Ask Him to reveal Himself to each of you in a new, fresh way as you dig deeper into the pages of your Bible. Make a commitment to Him to spend more time in His Word on a daily basis.