

READING THE BIBLE DEEPLY

The Bible is a beautifully complex library of ancient books, historical accounts, prophecies, poems, stories and parables – which means it can be constantly studied and endlessly learned from.

Although there are many different ways to engage with the scriptures, “Bible Study,” is a popular notion in the church and can be very helpful in embracing a deep and growing understanding of the revealed and written story of God.

If you want to go deeper, here are a few starting points to help you study the rich and unending depths of the Bible.

How to Read the Bible for All It’s Worth

The book, [“How to Read the Bible for All It’s Worth,”](#) by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart is a great entry guide to understanding the Bible in its literary dimensions, with techniques for interpreting scripture while being faithful to the literary genres. It’s described as “a book written for the layperson” – in other words, a Bible study book for anyone who isn’t a preacher or theologian (aka 99.9% of us).

[“How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour”](#) is a complimentary resource from the same authors that takes you by the hand and walks you through each book of the Bible in a conversational style, with a quick snapshot and overview of its key elements and how it fits into the grand narrative.

The Bible Project

[TheBibleProject.com](#) is fantastic online and video-based resource whose mission is to “show how the Bible is a unified story that leads to Jesus.” From a regular blog to visually engaging videos that explain the big ideas of each book and/or section of the Bible, this site is an excellent place to start anytime you want to approach a new portion of the scriptures with which you’re not familiar.

You can also access [The Bible Project resources on RightNow Media](#) through our Southridge subscription. If you don’t have a personal RightNow Media account, you can [create one here for free](#).

Southridge Message Series: Bible Study

Finally, for a Southridge perspective on how to engage the scriptures in a holistic way and what it takes to manage the tensions of interpretation, [check out our 2015 message series called Bible Study](#).