

How Can I Get More Out of My Bible Reading?

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9Marks: Church Question Series

Lesson 1: Why Read the Bible?

Q. *How do you struggle, or in what way do you struggle to get more out of your Bible reading or to read your Bible better?*

I. Why should we read the Bible? (look at verses)

- A. Psalm 14:1-2 God exists
- B. Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 66:3 God is perfect, majestic, and awesome in all of His ways
- C. Genesis 1:1-2:3; **Isaiah 45:5-7**; **Colossians 1:15-17** God created and sustains all things
- D. **Genesis 1:26-28**; Isaiah 43:6-7 God made us in His image
- E. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 God has revealed Himself to us in Scripture

Bottom Line: God exists. He made all things for His glory. He has revealed Himself in Scripture.

II. Why Do We need the Bible?

- A. We read Scripture so that we know the good news of Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15
- B. We read Scripture so God will transform our lives. Romans 12:1-2
- C. We read Scripture so we will trust our Savior more fully. Romans 8
- D. We read Scripture to preserve unity among God's people. Ephesians 4:1-17
- E. We read Scripture to guard sound doctrine. Titus 2:1
- F. We read so we will know how to love and serve our brothers and sisters. Hebrews 10:24-25
- G. We read the Bible so that we can love God and be transformed more and more into the image of His son. (Romans 8:28-29; 2Corinthians 3:18).
 - 1. This means we so delight in God's Word (Ps. 1,119).
 - 2. And because there is no greater joy than knowing God (Ps. 16:11).

III. Reading your Bible?

- A. Read Colossians 1 for next week.
- B. Read to page 32 of *How can I get more out of my Bible reading?* by Jeremy Kimble