

BENEATH THE INK

HOW TO READ — YOUR — BIBLE

Reading With the Grain

EPISODE 1 STUDY GUIDE



Most people do not struggle with believing the Bible. They struggle with how they approach it.

How you read the Bible shapes how you live it.

CHECK YOUR APPROACH

Before you ever open your Bible, you are already bringing something to it.

Reflection Questions:

What do I expect when I read the Bible?

Do I read for: (circle all that apply)

Comfort

Answers

Quick encouragement

Transformation

When I don't understand something, what do I usually do?

Right now, my Bible reading feels like...

SHIFT YOUR POSTURE

The Goal Is Not:

- Just finishing a reading plan
- Just feeling encouraged
- Just gaining information

The Goal Is:

- To be formed by Scripture over time

Scripture is not just something you read. It is something that reads you.

COMMON MISREADS

Which one do you tend toward?

- I jump to random verses
- I read only when I feel like it
- I look for something that applies immediately
- I avoid confusing passages
- I read quickly but don't retain much

Many people read the Bible devotionally, but never learn to read it intentionally.

Don't Skip This:

What stood out?

What seems important?

What does it show you about God?

How does it challenge you?

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

- Read a short passage a day
- Write down what stood out
- Sit with one truth

Where am I trying to control the meaning instead of receiving it?

Do I let Scripture challenge me, or only comfort me?

SLOW IT DOWN: MARK 2:1-5

What stands out to you? (Not what it means, just what you notice)

What seems important or repeated? (Words, actions, tension in the story)

What does it show you about:

Jesus _____

People _____

Faith _____

What challenges you personally?

INK IT IN

What would it look like for me to become a formed reader of Scripture?

3 - DAY CHALLENGE

Pick one short passage each day and:

- Read it slowly (twice, once aloud)
- Write down what stands out
- Sit with one truth

🚫 Do NOT rush to application

🚫 Do NOT Google it immediately

👉 Let Scripture breathe first

You don't need:

- more content

- more verses

- more motivation

You need a better approach

HEART CHECK

- Am I trying to master Scripture or let it master me?
 - Do I want God's Word or just God's benefits?

Because how you read the Bible shapes how you live it.

INK DRINK

MEMBERSHIP

*Go deeper than
the surface*

