

## Session 4—Bible Study & Devotions

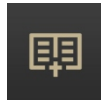
- BEGIN BY PRAYING TOGETHER
- LIST A HIGHLIGHT FROM LAST WEEK & CHALLENGE YOU ARE FACING

Highlight	Challenge

- DID YOU SPEND TIME PRAYING THIS PAST WEEK? TELL ME ABOUT IT.
- DID YOU MEMORIZE PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7? IF SO, CAN YOU SHARE IT?
- SHOW THE NEW DISCIPLE HOW TO USE A BIBLE APP

### Francis Chan's READ SCRIPTURE APP

<https://www.readscripture.org/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hUs4TXRuVk>



Or We would encourage you to download the FREE YouVersion Bible App, which can be a valuable resource to you as you read and study the Bible.



There are many different Bibles. We would suggest that you use either a New International Version (NIV) or the New Living Translation (NLT). For serious Bible study we would recommend the ESV Study Bible, which contains notes, explanations and outlines to help you understand the Bible.

- IN EACH OF THE NEXT 4 PASSAGES CIRCLE OR UNDERLINE A BENEFIT FOR STUDYING THE BIBLE:

**1) Psalm 1:1–3 (NLT) Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. <sup>2</sup> But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. <sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.**

**2) Romans 15:4 (NLT) Such things were written in the Scriptures long ago to teach us. And the Scriptures give us hope and encouragement as we wait patiently for God's promises to be fulfilled.**

**3) Psalm 19:8 (NLT) The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living.**

**4) James 1:22, 25 (NLT) But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves...<sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.**

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**5) Psalm 42:1–2 (NLT) As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?**

How should you feel about spending time with God?

**6) Psalm 119:147–148 (NLT) I rise early, before the sun is up; I cry out for help and put my hope in your words. I stay awake through the night, thinking about your promise.**

What priority should you give to studying the Bible?

- HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE: 3 QUESTIONS FOR STUDYING GOD'S WORD



Carefully read a section of the Bible (it could be a chapter or a couple of paragraphs). Then write out your answer to these 3 questions (below). Practice with the following Bible story. Read this story then answer the 3 questions.

7) **Luke 5:17–26 (NLT)** *One day while Jesus was teaching, some Pharisees and teachers of religious law were sitting nearby. (It seemed that these men showed up from every village in all Galilee and Judea, as well as from Jerusalem.) And the Lord’s healing power was strongly with Jesus. <sup>18</sup> Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, <sup>19</sup> but they couldn’t reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. <sup>20</sup> Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, “Young man, your sins are forgiven.” <sup>21</sup> But the Pharisees and teachers of religious law said to themselves, “Who does he think he is? That’s blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!” <sup>22</sup> Jesus knew what they were thinking, so he asked them, “Why do you question this in your hearts? <sup>23</sup> Is it easier to say ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or ‘Stand up and walk’? <sup>24</sup> So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins.” Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, “Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!” <sup>25</sup> And immediately, as everyone watched, the man jumped up, picked up his mat, and went home praising God. <sup>26</sup> Everyone was gripped with great wonder and awe, and they praised God, exclaiming, “We have seen amazing things today!”*

- #1. What is something interesting you notice about this passage?
  
- #2. What is a question you have about what you read or something you don't understand?
  
- #3. What is something God would have you do (obey) as a result of this Bible passage?



Use these 3 questions to study any Bible passage.

DAILY TIME WITH GOD—YOUR COMMITMENT

The content of our Daily Devotions

- Talk with God through prayer
- Let God speak to me through reading the Bible

The purpose of our Daily Devotions

- To worship God – God welcomes me
- To develop friendship with God – I share my concerns
- To be led by God – I ask God to guide my life

Are you willing to commit to a Daily Devotion?      Yes      No

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

• Beginning date: \_\_\_\_\_

• Time or Times of Day: \_\_\_\_\_

• Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Below, describe your Daily Devotion plan. What books will you read? How will you pray?

**ASSIGNMENT FOR NEXT TIME :**



1. After you have finished the Gospel of John by reading it through at least twice, begin to read the book of Philippians.

**Read Scripture App John Preview:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G-2e9mMf7E8>

2. Spend daily time with God doing your devotions (praying and reading the Bible—use the 3 questions as you read)



**Job 23:12 (NIV84)** *I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread.*

CLOSE IN PRAYER TOGETHER

Schedule Your next time together: Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_