

# WHY AND HOW SHOULD I READ THE BIBLE?

## WEEK SIX

The Bible is one of the greatest gifts that God has given to us! The Bible is the living Word of God, and somehow we often take it for granted.

We're able to learn so much about God, His heart, and His will for us through His word. As **incredible** as this is, it can sometimes be intimidating to open up the Bible (or perhaps even seem boring).

How can we be bored by the greatest love story of all time?! Push yourself today and open your Bible and read some as a family. You may be surprised by what you learn.



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## EXPLORING THE QUESTION

### MAIN IDEA

The Bible is the **Word of God**. It is a gift from God to help us learn more about Him. How can you have a friendship with someone without learning things about them? You certainly can't have a very deep one! Thus, in learning about God through the Bible, we can become closer to Him!

### CONVERSATION

*(questions your kids may ask you)*

- When was the last time you read the Bible?
- What do you think about the Bible?
- What about the Bible is confusing to you?

### RESOURCES

- Adult Alpha guide
- Video: The Bible Project - "Choosing a Bible Translation"

ALL RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT:  
[universitycarillon.net/AlphaKids](http://universitycarillon.net/AlphaKids)



## ▶ ALPHA ADULT GUIDE: WEEK SIX

See next page(s) for the Adult Alpha guide.

## ▶ VIDEO: THE BIBLE PROJECT - "CHOOSING A BIBLE TRANSLATION"

There are so many translations of the Bible, but which one is best? Check out our latest Bible Basics video to understand how to approach choosing a translation.

[WATCH VIDEO](#)

- ▶ Want to discuss this question further? Reach out to one of our pastors by emailing [pastors@universitycarillon.net](mailto:pastors@universitycarillon.net)

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### ALPHA GUIDE

#### The Bible is the most...

- Popular
- Powerful
- Precious (Psalm 19:10)

... **book in the world.**

‘People do not live on bread alone, but on every **word** that comes from the mouth of God’ (Matthew 4:4).

### 1. BRINGING REVELATION – GOD HAS SPOKEN

- Bible – collection of books by 40+ authors over 1600 years
- Inspired: God-breathed

‘All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true; to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.’ (2 Timothy 3:16).

#### But what about difficulties in the Bible?

- Jesus is the interpretive key
- It’s authoritative (2 Timothy 3:16–17)
- Practical wisdom:
  - Guidelines for living
  - Guidance for good decisions

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## 2. BUILDING RELATIONSHIP – GOD SPEAKS

**The Bible is like a love letter from God:**

- To those exploring faith (Romans 10:17; John 20:31)
- To those who are Christians
  - Become like Jesus (2 Corinthians 3:18)
  - Joy and peace in the midst of a storm (Psalm 23:5)
  - Guidance (Psalm 119:105)
  - Health/healing (Proverbs 4:20–22)
  - Defence against spiritual attack (Matthew 4:1–11)
  - Power (Hebrews 4:12)
  - Cleansing (John 15:3)

**‘Reading the Bible  
 generates life. It produces  
 change. It heals hurts.  
 It builds character. It  
 transforms circumstances.  
 It imparts joy. It overcomes  
 adversity. It defeats  
 temptation. It infuses  
 hope. It releases power.  
 It cleanses the mind’**

**RICK WARREN**

## 3. HOW DO WE HEAR GOD SPEAK THROUGH THE BIBLE?

- Make a plan
  - Find a time
  - Find a place (‘a solitary place’, Mark 1:35)
- Find a pattern
  - Ask God to speak:
    - read a short passage
    - Bible reading notes
    - Bible in One Year app – bibleinoneyear.org
  - Ask yourself:
    - what does it say to me?
    - what does it mean to me?
    - how does it apply to me?
- Respond in prayer
- Put it into practice (Matthew 7:24)

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