

Read my
Bible

The banner features a yellow sticky note on the left with the handwritten text 'Read my Bible' in blue ink. To the right, the words 'CONNECT' and 'GUIDE' are written in large, white, serif capital letters, stacked vertically. The background of the banner is a scenic image of a lake at sunset or sunrise, with trees and a warm orange glow.

CONNECT GUIDE

As a church family, our desire is to **know Jesus more deeply, grow in intimacy with him, and build a daily rhythm of being in his presence by reading the Bible.**

This isn't about perfection or performance; it's about growing our relationship with God, who desires closeness with us. Some of us may have 30 minutes, others only 10, and that's okay.

We also believe this is just the beginning. Our prayer is that this journey helps us build a rhythm of connecting with God through Bible reading that we can carry even after this series is done.

How It Works

- Follow the daily reading schedule and read the chapter for the day at your own time.
- Share with your Connect Group by posting in the chat anytime during the day as you read. This way, we can journey together as a family, encouraging one another as we go.

In Your Connect Group Chats

- **Share one takeaway (1 sentence only)** — something God highlighted to you, how you saw Jesus, or a verse that struck you.
- **Share one question (1 sentence only)** — something you're reflecting on, or asking yourself.

Sharing Guidelines

One takeaway + one question. One sentence each only!

- **Keep it short.** So everyone can engage. Save the longer thoughts for your personal journal or devotional time.
- **Keep our chats a safe space.** This isn't the place for debates or long preaching, but for encouragement and building each other up.

- **No need to compare** — every takeaway matters, whether it's simple or deep. Let's celebrate what God is doing in each of us.
- **Consistency over perfection** — if you miss a day, jump back in and share with today's passage.
- **Your sharing matters.** When you share, it can encourage someone else more than you know.

Reflections for your own time

Each day, as you read the passage, pause and ask:

- How is Jesus' heart being revealed in this chapter?
- How am I being challenged to be more Christ-like through today's reading?

Use your personal journal to write down what God is speaking to you.

Other reminders

- **Honor one another.** Be respectful of each person's journey with God.
- **For those new to Bible reading:** Don't feel pressured to have the "right" answer. Even a simple verse that stood out is worth sharing.
- **For seasoned Bible readers:** Share with humility and in a way that invites others in.
- Keep the focus on knowing Jesus and becoming more like him.

Our Connect Leaders are not Bible experts. They're here to walk with you, encourage you, and help you process or wrestle with things. If you have bigger or pressing questions, feel free to share them to your Connect Leaders — we'd love to walk with you through them.

Reading the Bible is a spiritual discipline — and like any discipline, it doesn't always come easy. Some days you won't feel like it, but that's when you can ask God to give you hunger to know him more. Some days will feel full of insight, and others may feel quiet, but every time you show up matters. The goal isn't to check off a religious task, but to spend time with Jesus and grow in knowing him. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you lean in, stay consistent, and build this rhythm. Our prayer is that over time, these small, steady steps become a lifelong journey of walking with Jesus and knowing him through the Bible.