

‘Living our Best Year with Jesus’ Means Getting in the Word!

From Sunday morning’s [talk](#):

Jenny – ‘If we’re going to live our best year with Jesus people, we need to listen to Him. And we can listen to Him by reading the word.’

Racheal – ‘He has provided for us in His word. He has given us everything we need in each and every situation. And so what we need to do is read it so that the word will come to us in the moment when we need it, whatever we face.’

Here are some of the things that you’ve shared that help you! Why not reach out and ask a friend what way they read the bible - it’s a great question to connect over.

Bible Reading Apps

- [Bible in One Year](#). Andy Blacknell says, ‘I only read the bible passages as I found the commentary crowded out the scripture and God speaking through that.’ Ruth Kennedy says, ‘It has the actor David Suchet reading the NIV: it’s very powerful to hear God’s word read aloud
- [YouVersion](#). Mark Pendered says ‘It has reading plans and a daily verse. The daily verse has a different speaker video commentary and interactive reflections. If you keep your ‘streak’ going it tallies. Audio bible included.’ Also recommended by Winnie, Hermione and Julia.
- [Enduring Word](#). Recommended by Mary Sarfo.

Kids & Families

- [Table Talk XTB](#). Recommended by Ana.
- [Bible in One Year](#) (above) now has a youth edition with commentary specifically for 13-18 year olds.
- [Pens](#). Recommended by Lyla.
- Soul Fuel by Bear Grylls. Recommended by Rufus and Jonah

Books and Resources

- [Scripture Union Word Live](#). Recommended by Claire, Elizabeth and Florence (Winnie’s mum!).
- [Book by Book](#) by Paul Blackham. Su says, ‘I have been doing this with a good friend. We have done so many books of the Bible and it is so exciting.’
- [The Bible Project](#). Jim says, ‘their videos are a good way in’. Julie says, ‘Brilliant overviews if you’re starting a new book in the bible’.
- [Choose Life](#) by Simon Guillebaud. Recommended by Gordon.
- [John: A Gospel Reimagined](#), by David Hopwood. Recommended by Roger.

Prayer & Reading Apps

- [Lectio 365](#) by 24/7 prayer team. Recommended by lots of you! Emma says, ‘just 10-15 minutes each day’. Claire says, ‘I love that you can either read it or play it so you can close your eyes and listen.’
- [Pray as you go](#). Recommended by Claire
- Abigail, ‘We’ve been praying the Lord’s Prayer together each day as a family.’
- [Celtic Daily Prayer](#) by the Northumbria Community. Recommended by Brian.
- [Sacred Space](#) app. Recommended by Brian. ‘I’m able to spend a few minutes in prayer and a bible passage in the middle of a busy day.’

Listening

- [UCB 2](#) radio station. Recommended by Abigail.
- [Being Life Simply](#). Christian mindfulness and relaxation app. Recommended by Adonikam.

Ideas for how to read

- Amy says, 'I'm currently reading a book in the Bible I find quite tricky to understand - so I'm taking it really slowly! Each day I pick apart a manageable chunk. Sometimes it's only 2 or 3 verses!'
- Dorothy says she starts each day with a Psalm.
- Abigail says, 'I read and study the bible for a full 6 hours on a Wednesday'.
- Joyce sets her alarm to remind her to read the bible!
- Roger says, 'Small group bible study is a place to try and 'earth' the passage we're reading in discussion with others (even on Zoom (!))'.
- Ruth says, 'I like to ask God to lead me to scripture to read (often a Psalm) and then I'll meditate on it and see what He wants to say through it.'
- Mary says, 'I'm working on just finding space in the day... to wait and listen and open my bible even if it's the same passage each day until God moves me on.'
- Dorene says she reads the bible each day, in different ways but she'll then write down verses that stand out to her, so that there are pieces of paper throughout her house with bible verses on, to remind her throughout the day.
- Gordon says, 'There are a number of bible reading apps which run at different speeds. So you can read the bible in 1, 2, 3, 5 years.' Choose a pace that works for you.
- Elizabeth says, 'in January I did something different and have read John in a different translation than I usually read, which has been powerful.'