
Read the Whole Bible

Christian ministry is teaching the knowledge of God as revealed in the Scriptures. When training for ministry we are essentially training our minds to understand and obey the knowledge of God through the Word of God.

One of the aims of MTS is to set Apprentices on course for a lifetime of Bible reading.

Bible

teachers need to master the whole Bible, to be able to teach all that God has revealed of Himself and to interpret each part in the light of the whole revelation of Jesus Christ.

Exercise

Read through the whole Bible in two years, in personal Bible reading.

Aims

1. To develop a love for Bible reading
2. To get an overview of each book of the Bible
3. To gain an overview of the Bible's story-arc
4. To wrestle with how to read the Bible as the revelation of Christ

Apprentices

1. Use the MTS Bible Reading Chart to keep track of your progress
2. Use the New Bible Commentary (IVP), or New Bible Dictionary (IVP)
 - to gain a brief overview of the historical situation of each book
 - to follow the events geographically, using the maps
3. Take brief notes as you read, including:
 - the key verse of each chapter or section
 - the central truth of each chapter or section
 - how each passage speaks of Christ (Luke 24: 25-27;45-47)
 - what to believe and obey
4. Pray about what you learn of God and His Son

Trainers

- Work with Apprentice to set up a daily reading plan

- Be transparent in demonstrating your own persistence in the discipline of daily Bible reading, and in the application of this reading to your daily life
- Discuss progress during one-to-one meetings with Apprentice
- Note completion of task

Resources

New Bible Commentary, (IVP)

New Bible Dictionary, (IVP)

According to Plan, Graeme Goldsworthy (IVP: 1991)

MTS Bible Reading Chart

How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour, Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart (Zondervan: 2002)