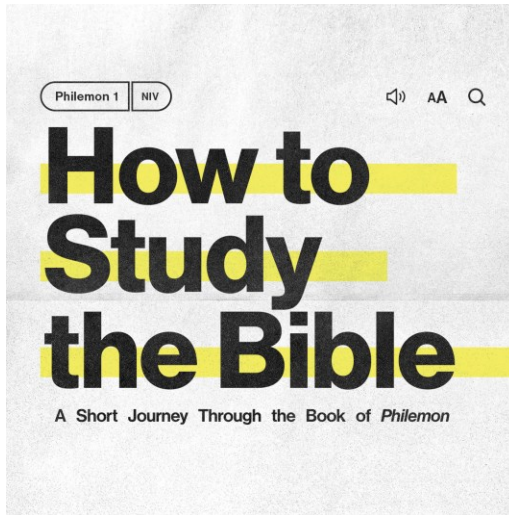


How to Study the Bible



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Part 2: Mastering the Art

**The Bible is meant to transform us,
not just inform us.**

The Bible should give us a bigger heart, not a bigger head.

Three Different Ways to Approach the Bible

1. You can start with _____
2. You can read through the _____
3. You can follow a _____

Suggestion: Download the YouVersionBible.app.

Understanding the Context

- **Who wrote it?**
- **To whom was it written?**
- **What was the purpose?**

I am sending Onesimus – who is my very heart – back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the Gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. (Philemon 1:12-14)

Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back – no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me, but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord. (Philemon 1:14-16)

If Onesimus has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. (Philemon 1:18-19)

Which person do you relate to most?

- **Paul, who's taking a risk on someone.**
- **Onesimus, who needs forgiveness.**
- **Philemon, who's being called to forgive.**