

# ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Session 6

## Why and How should I read the Bible



Alpha

**WELCOME TO ALPHA – A SERIES OF INTERACTIVE SESSIONS TO DISCUSS LIFE AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN AN INFORMAL, FUN AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.**

After each talk, there is a time for discussion with the people in your pew, during which you can ask questions, delve into different issues and find out what others think.

This is your guide, so use it however you like. Write, scribble, note, jot, or doodle. Whatever helps.

After each discussion there will be a short time of worship and prayer during which you are invited to sing and pray along with the rest of the congregation, or if you prefer simply listen and observe.

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**The Bible is the most...**

- Popular
  - Powerful
  - Precious (Psalm 19:10)
- ... **book in the world.**

“Man shall 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 God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” (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

**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)
- Defense against spiritual attack (Matthew 4:1–11)
- Power (Hebrews 4:12)
- Cleansing (John 15:3)

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**“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 CAN 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](http://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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## RECOMMENDED READING

*Why Trust the Bible?*  
Amy Orr-Ewing

*30 Days*  
Nicky Gumbel

*The Bible (The Message is an accessible paraphrase)*  
*NIV Alpha Bible in One Year*

Read the daily Bible in One Year commentary by Nicky Gumbel at [bibleinoneyear.org](http://bibleinoneyear.org) or download the app from the App Store.

### We pray and give thanks for

**International** - Our Companion Diocese of Ho - Bishop Matthias

**Mission of the Month** - St Paul's VBS

**Diocese** - Our Bishop David and his wife Janet & Retired Bishops Harold, George, William and Claude.

**Government** - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Brian Gallant, Mayor Ken Chorley and the town council

**Deanery** - Parish of Upper Kennebecasis – Rev. Wally Collett & Retired Clergy - Rev. Canon George Ackerley

**Parish** - Rev. David & Family & Rev. Deacon Deborah Cochran & Family

### St Paul's Prayer Corner

Raymond Bates, Don Buchanan, Bobbi-Jo Corner, Loretta Derrah, Barb Glauser, Rick Hatchette, Dawn Lent, Paul Robichaud, Lloyd Ryder, Sue Scribner, Erika Wisted

<b>August 14</b>	<b>10:00 am Holy Communion</b> <i>Alpha 7 – How does God guide us?</i>
Music Leader	Christian Gowan
Layreader	Rod Langis
Reader	Stephen MacMackin Isaiah 2: 2-5
Greeters	P & P Hanratty
A/V	
Sunday School	Barb Langis / Jodi Langis
Chancel	Donna Mason
Counters	JoAnne DiProse / Joyce Logan