



Open The Book: Relationship

Have you ever been in a long-distance relationship where for a period of time between visits the only contact is by email, phone or letter? Imagine what would happen to that new relationship if you chose not to take those calls or read those emails/letters.

How has your relationship with God been developed, deepened, strengthened through the Bible?

Which of the three images found in the passage and referred to on Sunday was easiest for you to understand/relate to and why? **The Word / The Light / Adoption**

Video: the [Bible Project](#) have produced **an excellent video** which explores this passage more deeply. You might like to share this link with your group members after you meet so they can dig in a little deeper.

Reading the Bible in isolation may seem/feel dry and dull at times - but when we read with the Spirit, everything changes. As we read the Bible, we should always expect that the Spirit it as work.

Ephesians 6:17 - “[...] take the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God”

John 6:63 - “the Spirit gives life [...] the words I have spoken are full of the Spirit and life”

What does **Psalm 1:1-3** have to say about the practice of regular Bible reading?

What does the Psalmist say is the fruit of that practice?

If you wanted to learn about someone you admire and to become more like them, you'd likely buy/borrow a biography or their autobiography pore over it for every bit of wisdom which might help you.

Follow this thread through John - what do we see?

John 1:18 ▶▶ John 6:46 ▶▶ John 7:29 ▶▶ John 8:19 ▶▶ John 10:15 ▶▶ John
14:8-9 ▶▶ John 17:25.

If we want to follow Jesus, to know Him and to become more like Him, we first need to read His “biography”* (the Gospels). As we read we can encounter Him by His Spirit who reveals Himself to us. And as we spend time with Jesus, we learn more about the Father too; and we are His children, adopted heirs of His Kingdom.

* **Disclaimer:** the Gospels are not Jesus’ biography - and the whole of the Bible (Old and New Testaments) speak of Jesus and point to Him - so let’s read all of it 😊