



FIVE WAYS to READ *the Bible*

1 Liturgical Hearing

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2 Reflective Reading (*Lectio Divina*)

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3 Whole Book Reading (*see back*)

The Bible is meant to be read as a whole, not divided up into parts and analyzed. Every week, schedule a time and read through a whole book at one sitting.

4 Bible Study

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WHOLE BOOK *Bible Reading*

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