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One of our goals as a ministry is to get you “hooked” on reading the Bible, God’s Love letter. Here are a few ideas to help you on your way:

Pick Up A Bible.

In the student center, we have Bibles that are available at no cost!

Be sure and ask about getting one if you do not already have one. We want to get God’s Word into your hands! We also have grade specific devotionals for you! They are short, relevant devotionals that will talk about the Bible and where you are in your journey through life. Be sure and grab of those as well!

So What Kinds Of Bibles Are There?

Any Bible written in English has been translated from the languages of the original writers (Hebrew and Greek). Some English translations are easier to read than others. The following is a list of common translations listed (in our opinion) from easiest to most difficult to read: New Living Translation (NLT), New International Version (NIV), Holman Christian Standard Bible (HCSB), English Standard Version (ESV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), and New King James Version (NKJV).

Pick a Good Place to Start Reading.

A lot of people *TRY* to read their Bible from cover to cover. Only a few make it all the way through. One reason this is difficult is because the books of the Bible are not arranged so that one book always leads directly to the next. Trust us on this one! Upon further study, you’ll discover what we mean. Our suggestion is to start with the gospel of Mark (New Testament) and then Genesis (Old Testament). By reading these two books, you get an overview of the life of Jesus and the big picture of God’s creation and our human condition.

How to Read the Bible

If you are connected with a Sunday Morning Discipleship Group, then you know that we encourage you to study scripture using 3 sections:

- **Read**
 - Simply read the text and identify anything that might stick out to you.
- **Reflect**
 - What is God saying about himself in this text?
 - Where is Jesus in this text?
- **Respond**
 - How does this section of scripture intersect with your life right now?
 - What do I need to do today in order to respond to what God is saying to me?