

THE BIBLE ISN'T THE POINT
HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE IN
ORDER TO KNOW GOD

With Lisa Thompson

“You become like what you worship.
When you gaze in awe, admiration, and
wonder at something or someone, you
begin to take on something of the
character of the object of your worship.”

-NT Wright

“The Bible is not magical nor is its primary function to answer our questions. The Bible is always more concerned with the decision-maker than with the decision itself. Its aim is to change our hearts so that we desire what God desires, rather than spoon-feed us answers to every decision in life.”

— Jen Wilkin



POSTURE

“You will seek me and find me
when you seek me with all your
heart.”

Jeremiah 29:13



POWER

“These are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person’s thoughts except for their own spirit within them? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”

I Corinthians 2:10-11



PERSPECTIVE

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”

Romans 12:2



PROMISE &
PRECEPT

“By which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.”

2 Peter 1:4

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”

James 1:23-24



PRAYER

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

Romans 8:26-27

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Get a translation you can read/ study Bible/ write in your Bible.
- Make Biblical literacy a priority.
- Keep a journal- What is God revealing and how is He speaking to you through His Word? What are you going to do about it?
- Start in a Gospel- Get to know Jesus.
- Read through Psalms- Get to know God and His attributes.
- Follow a Bible reading plan like Bible Project or YouVersion.
- Memorize God's promises.
- Make your prayer requests be a desire to obey God's Word.
- Live your faith out in community- Private& Public.
- Don't limit your devotional time to 30 minutes in the morning. Make it your daily lifestyle
- Who are you discipling?

“We come to Scripture not to learn a subject but to steep ourselves in a person.”

-CS Lewis

RESOURCES

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- **The Bible Project-**
<https://bibleproject.com>
- **U Version-**
<https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/>