

# Essential 1: Scripture



***“If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.”***  
**John 14:15**

Scripture, God’s Word, is a love letter to all those who follow Christ. It reveals who God is and gives direction on how to live. We align our lives to Scripture through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the primary way God speaks to His people. As He teaches us through His Word, He transforms us in the world. Knowing and loving Scripture is a lifelong path to discovering more of God’s truth every day. We read, meditate on, and memorize this life-changing book in a pursuit to know Him more. We teach this book to the generations that follow to open their eyes to the truth and love of our God who is passionate about loving His creation. The text presents the story of God throughout history and the practical application that changes every believer’s life.

Consider a plan for reading, memorizing, and learning God’s Word, and don’t forget that disciples do these things not for information, but for transformation. Our goal as disciples is never just to believe God’s Word; our goal is to obey God’s Word. So as you plan to fill your mind with truth, follow the One Who is Truth.

## ***How will I read and meditate on God’s Word more?***

*You might start with a plan to read a verse or a chapter a day, or you could consider using a Bible reading plan that guides you through all of Scripture over a certain period of time. You can find many free devotional and bible reading plans online.*

## ***How will I memorize God’s Word?***

*As you read, look for verses, paragraphs, or even chapters that seem particularly significant and applicable to your life. Then commit them to memory.*