

Understanding the Bible in 30 Minutes

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1. Understand the theme of the Bible
 - A. God's glory (Isaiah 42:8)

2. Understand an overview of the Bible
 - A. Overview of the OT
 - B. Overview of the NT
 - C. Kings of Judah and Israel (Deut 17:16-18, 1 Chr 10:23-11:3)
 - D. Timeline of the books of the Bible

3. Understand the goal of reading the Bible
 - A. Not knowledge, but love (1 Tim 1:5)
 - B. Focus on the NT
 - C. Learn and be encouraged from the examples of the OT (Rom 15:4, 1 Cor 10:6)
 - D. Avoid "over-applying" the OT directly to my life where God does not intend (Gideon and the fleece; Hannah and Samuel)

Discussion Questions:

- What is one of your favorite verses/passage and why? What part(s) of the Bible do you wish you understood better?
- What are examples of things that bring glory to God?
- Can you provide an example of over-applying the OT?
- Can you provide an example from the OT that encourages you?