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## THANK YOU FOR STUDYING WITH US!

The pursuit of God's truth as revealed in His Word is our life's work. The Explore the Bible team is grateful that you trust our resources to be a part of your Bible study groups and classes. This launch guide will help you communicate with and prepare your group leaders to successfully study. But first, we'd like to answer a few questions you may be asked as you launch.

## WHAT IS EXPLORE THE BIBLE?

Explore the Bible is a weekly, book-by-book Bible study resource for the whole church. Each session takes adults, students, and kids deep into God's Word, revealing essential biblical truths and context in each passage, in a manner that is practical every day, age-appropriate, and sustainable over a lifetime.

## EXPLORE THE BIBLE WILL HELP YOU:

**KNOW GOD'S TRUTH:** To know God's Truth is to know that it is true and that every book matters. Explore the Bible is designed to illuminate the historical, cultural, and biblical context of Scripture. Book by book, we help adults, students, and kids understand and apply God's Word in a manner that is repeatable, thorough, and age-appropriate.

**LOVE GOD'S TRUTH:** When you return to God's Word again and again, it doesn't just inform you— it transforms you. Your heart. Your mind. Your affections. Explore the Bible believes that when you study the Word, you grow in your love of it. As that love grows, it builds a holy passion for the Word that grows for a lifetime.

**INVEST IN GOD'S TRUTH:** To know and love God's truth is to live it. Explore the Bible helps adults, students, and kids to build community around God's Word. But more than that, it equips the whole church to carry God's truth into their schools, workplaces, communities, and around the world in pursuit of those people who do not yet know it.

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## **WILL WE REALLY STUDY ALL 66 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE?**

Yes! The Bible is a big book, and we don't want to rush our study of it. In an effort to approach God's Word in a practical, age-appropriate way, Explore the Bible breaks up God's Word into study cycles that present every genre of Scripture at a depth and pace that is appropriate for each age group. The goal is to both focus on the current text while keeping a perspective on the whole truth of God's Word.

You can download a PDF outline of the study plan at [goexplorethebible.com/learn](https://goexplorethebible.com/learn).

## **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO STUDY CONTEXT?**

Every passage of Scripture has context, including the historical context in which it was written, the cultural context that informed its author, and its biblical context—how the rest of the Bible provides insight into the passage. By considering all three, we are better equipped to determine the original intent of the passage and minimize bias.

## **WHAT IS THE INTENDED OUTCOME OF EXPLORE THE BIBLE?**

We want to point people to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and equip Christ-followers at any age or stage of life to study God's Word well and apply its truth daily. Built in to our studies are the skills of personal Bible study engagement. By simply using Explore the Bible in your groups or classes each week, every participant will be equipped to study and discern God's Word in their personal life.

## **HOW WILL WE KNOW THAT EXPLORE THE BIBLE IS WORKING?**

The ultimate sign of the growing disciple is the presence of spiritual fruit. We believe that when people study God's Truth well *together*, the following happens:

People will grow in their love for Scripture, not just knowledge of it

Community will deepen both during and outside of group meetings

Families will center conversations on God's Word at home

People will naturally see more opportunities to apply God's Word every day

Adults, students, and kids will discuss their faith freely, in the group and outside it

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