

“One-2-One Bible Reading”

Faith Community Bible Church

Session I: “Problem, Prescription, and Process”

# Problem: We know we should, but we don’t

1. Our Father is a personal God, and he wants to be in relationship with us
2. A relationship involves spending time together and getting to know each other.
3. God has given us the tools and gifts to establish and build that relationship:
	1. Scripture – the foundation and test of our faith (Josh 1:8, 2 Tim 3:16)
	2. Prayer – listening to and speaking to God (John 15:7, Phil 4:6-7)
	3. Fellowship –teaming up with fellow believers (Matt 18:20, Heb 10:24-25)
	4. Witness – telling and showing others the good news (Matt 4:19, Rom 1:16)
4. But surveys indicate that most Christians don’t regularly read the Bible, pray, invest in fellow believers, or witness to non-Christians.
5. Why?

# Prescription: “One-2-One” Bible Reading

1. Meeting regularly and intentionally with another person to pray, read the Bible, and discuss what you have read as you build a Christ-focused relationship with each other.
	1. Scripture and Prayer
	2. Fellowship and Witness
2. A simple and flexible framework, not a detailed procedure
3. With whom?
4. How do we begin?
5. What do we do?
6. How do we prepare?

# Process: A Simple and Flexible Framework

1. Find a person with whom to meet
	1. ***Prayerfully*** consider your “Frangelism” network: Friends, Family, Associates, Neighbors
	2. Think of someone whom you already see or meet regularly
	3. Ask a pastor or elder for a suggestion
2. How do I ask?
3. Agree on a time, place, book, and duration
4. A typical meeting:
	1. Prayer:
		1. That your hearts would be open to God’s Word
		2. That God would help you understand what you are about to read
	2. Scripture reading:
		1. Read the text aloud
		2. Perhaps more than once
	3. Discuss
		1. Questions specific to the text or type of text (we will provide some examples in Session II)
		2. General open-ended questions:
			1. “What does this passage tell us about God?”
			2. “What does this passage tell us about humankind?”
			3. “How does this passage call us to respond?”
			4. “How will we apply this to our lives this week?”
			5. “How can we help each other do these things?”
			6. “Who can each of us tell about what we’ve learned?”
5. We (the pastors, elders, and congregation) will help!
	1. Reading plans with suggested questions
	2. Reading through the book of Mark as a congregation this Fall
	3. Help finding a person with whom to read
	4. Help with difficult questions or dilemmas
	5. PRAYER
	6. Encouragement
	7. Exhortation
	8. Accountability