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# START READING THE BIBLE

The Bible is like a letter from God to us which can encourage us and help us know how to live. The Bible is made up of 66 smaller books. 39 of those books are in the Old Testament (before Jesus came) and 27 of those books are in the New Testament (when Jesus came). Most people who start reading the Bible would probably naturally start at the beginning, but it's important to understand that different parts of the Bible are written in different ways so it may be easier to start with the point at which Jesus came as this is the central part to the Bible.

## Getting Started

Get a Bible in an easily understandable translation (The NIV would be what most Christians use today). If you don't physically have a Bible, you can download a Bible app called YouVersion in the app store. On there you can find lots of different translations.

Read a little bit of the Bible each day – reading the Bible is like eating food, it's healthy to keep it regular and it fills you up the more you read!

Start by reading one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John) – they tell you all about Jesus. If you also wanted to start reading something in the Old Testament, Psalms or Proverbs are a good place to start.

Use a Bible reading plan to help you get started (there are loads of different ones on the YouVersion app).

Ask questions if you are not sure on something. Find a Christian friend who you can ask or get in contact with us here at LRC and we'd love to help.



# PRAYER

Prayer is simply speaking to God. It doesn't have to be complicated; you can speak to God as you would a friend. When you pray, the Bible teaches us to go somewhere where you can be on your own and speak honestly before God (**Matthew 6:5-15**). You can speak aloud, talk to God in your head or write down what you want to say to Him. You can thank Him, ask Him for help or simply express what you are facing. God likes to hear our voice.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**9 Our Father in heaven, hallowed be  
Your name,**

**10 Your kingdom come, Your will be  
done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**11 Give us today our daily bread.**

**12 And forgive us our debts, as we  
also have forgiven our debtors.**

**13 And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.**





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# GET CONNECTED TO A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

When you become a Christian one of the best things you can do is find other Christians who believe what you do and can help you on your journey. You can do this in LRC's context by registering interest in the Alpha course (this is a short course explaining more about Christianity), join a Connect Group, watch our online services. Meeting other Christians can encourage you in your faith and help you learn more about God.

## Connect Groups

Connect Groups are here to do exactly that - connect people! They meet in homes, cafe's or wherever suits and they are for everyone! Some are age specific or based around a ministry or interest. They give the opportunity to experience community and friendship beyond our Sunday Services, so there's no need to go it alone - why not join a group?

[www.londonriversidechurch.com/connectgroups](http://www.londonriversidechurch.com/connectgroups)

## Alpha

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

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## Chat with someone

I would like to speak to someone about the decision I have made.

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