**How to Get Into God’s Word**

Today I am going to show you a way you can use to help you get into God’s Word. This is a way of getting into the word so that reading the Bible is not like trying to do math.

Read a Bible Passage. We suggest that you consider starting with a book of the Bible and each day move on to the next section. Some options: Psalms; Proverbs, one of the Gospels; or a Letter.

1. Reflect. Write or summarise the passage in your own words:

2. Apply. Read the passage again and look for:

S = A Sin to Avoid?

P = A Promise to Claim?

E = An Example to Follow?

C = A Command to Obey?

K = A Knowledge to Gain?

3. Think. Write down what you have learnt about God.

4. Pray. Ask God to help you apply what you have learnt.

Let’s try appying what we read to our lives using the five questions we learnt to ask about what we read: Is there a Sin to Avoid, a Promise to Claim, an Example to Follow, a Command to Obey, and Knowledge to Gain?

Practise: It is time for you to Get Into God’s Word. We are going to give you each a copy of the handout to work through – using Psalm 1.

Sharing: This is your chance to come to the microphone and share what you got out of your time in the Word and with God.

Challenge: Do it every day for the next week! And then for the rest of your life!

If you get into the Word everyday…

(1) You Will Hear God (and he will speak through you). “Oh how I love your words. I think about them all day long. They make me wiser than my enemies because they are my constant guide.” (Psalm 119:97-98)

(2) You Will Stay Salty. “How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.” (Psalm 119:9,11)

(3) You Will Understand Truth. “I will have an answer for the one who insults me since I trust your word. I will speak about your written instructions in the presence of kings and not feel ashamed.” (Psalm 119:42,46)

Prayer