

REAP

A Simple Plan for Reading the Bible

READ a passage of Scripture.

EXAMINE the passage for greater understanding.

- What is happening in this passage?
- What words, phrases, or ideas seem particularly important?
- What does this text teach you about the gospel?

APPLY the passage to your life.

- What sin(s) do I need to repent of and/or avoid?
- What truth(s) do I need to believe?
- What command(s) do I need to obey (what do I need to give up, stop doing, start doing, or continue doing)?
- What principle(s) need to change the way I think, speak, and/or act? How will I implement this change?
- By the power of God's Spirit, what can I do today to apply God's Word to my life?

PRAY according to what you've read.

Ask God to change your heart, mind, attitudes, actions, and relationships based on the time you've spent in His Word. Let this specific praying lead you more generally to ...

- **Praise:** Worship God for who He is.
- **Repent:** Confess your sin to God and acknowledge your need for Jesus.
- **Ask:** Intercede for particular needs in your life and other's lives.
- **Yield:** Surrender your life to following Jesus wherever and however He leads you.