

## **How to Read Your Bible – Wednesdays at 6:30p**

#2 How to Read a Gospel

**The Gospel According to Mark** – How did the homework assignment go? Did the Bible Project videos help?

**10 Things** to Understand Before Reading the Bible ([Attachment](#))

**The Bible is** both Divine (Inspiration) + Human (Literature) – SEE DIAGRAM

A Brief Overview of **the Genres** of the NT Books of the Bible

Genres = Styles/Category of Writing / Example: Tell me about the meaning of “[love](#)”

### **How to Read a Gospel:**

Mark’s Gospel – What stands out? What is the big picture? What is the goal of the writing? How do I read this work of God (Divine Inspiration) + Man (Human Literature)?

5 W’s: Things to Notice As You Read a Gospel...

Who (CHARACTERS):

What (LITERATURE):

When (HISTORY):

Where (CULTURE):

Why (OCCASION):

Review Assignment:

Video from the Bible Project: [NT Letters: Literary Context](#)

Getting More...

TIME PERMITTING...

Discuss: “Women of the Word” Jen Wilkin (chapters 1-5)

Assignment for Next Time:

**Topic: #3 How to Read A Letter**

**Read: 1 Thessalonians & Philippians**

The Bible Project: "How To Read" Videos

(1) [NT Letters: Historical Context](#)

(2) [NT Letters: Literary Context](#)

Getting More Out of Reading the Bible – STEP 1

1) Have a place and a plan

2) Choose a faithful translation that suits you (NKJ, ESV, CSB, NIV)

2) Skim headings to get a content awareness for the surrounding text

3) Try to read a specific chunk / whole book in one sitting & reread

4) Read through whole books

(5) Keep in Mind Big Picture:

What do you think the Apostle Paul is feeling? What is the main thing he is writing about? How does he want his writing to affect the lives of his audience?