

# Just say yes...

## A Mind Transformed by the Word

### Key points

- Your focus should be transformation, not mastery.
- Start with knowing the core stories.
- Progressively cultivate a relationship of studying and applying scripture until your living a life reflective of God's word.

### Seeker

From: My understanding of the Jesus of the Bible is insufficient to make me want to give my life to him.

To: I know enough of the Jesus of the Bible to ask him to be the leader and fiogiver of my life.

### Beginner

From: The Bible is overwhelming.

To: I understand the Bible's basic story and teachings.

### Intermediate

From: I often let the Bible inform my understanding and choices.

To: I passionately study the Bible, allowing it to shape the entirety of my understanding and choices.

### Maturity

From: The Bible is something to be studied.

To: To the Bible is something to be breathed.

# Taking Your Next Step...

Here are suggested practices to span the gaps.

Resources are available in the narthex and online at:

**[www.FPCRogers.com/discipleshiptools](http://www.FPCRogers.com/discipleshiptools)**

### Seeker stage:

- Read "The Top Forty Passages of the Bible" suggested by Glenn McDonald..
- Read Lee Strobel's book "Case for Christ" which explores the evidence for Jesus existence and is he who he says he is.

### Beginner stage:

- Begin reading the Bible daily. Succeed by following a simple reading plan and having a set place and time for your reading.

### Intermediate: Move from just reading to studying by:

- Joining a bible study group
- Read "How to Study the Bible for All it is Worth", by Gordon D. Fee and Douglas Stuart.
- Go through a self-directed bible study using a bible study guide focused on a book of the Bible.

### Maturity: Move from study to daily application by:

- Read and journal daily using a method like SOAP (Study, Observation, Application, and Prayer)
- Identify a biblical principle like forgiveness and as a discipline try living fully into it daily for a season, such as 30 days.