



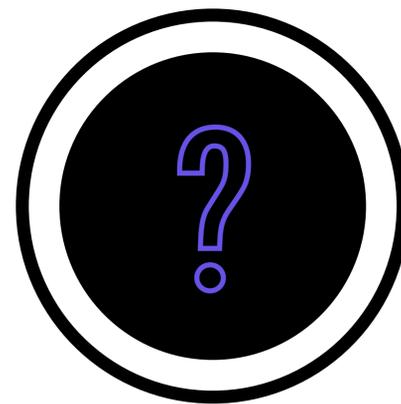
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# THE BIBLE

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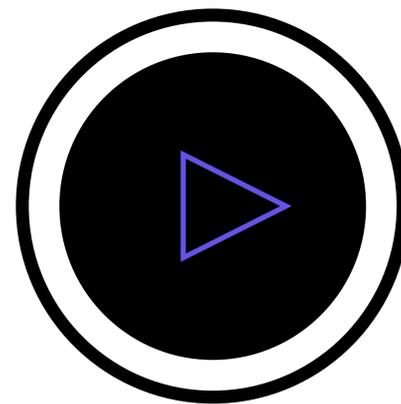




# HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?



VIDEO



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**01**

Do you agree with the statement, “If you don’t pay attention to what style it (the Bible) is written in, you will miss out on the brilliance of each book”? Why or Why not?

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**02**

Why do you think God has almost half of the Bible composed of narratives or stories?

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**03**

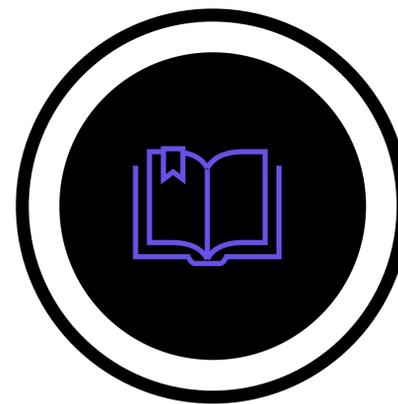
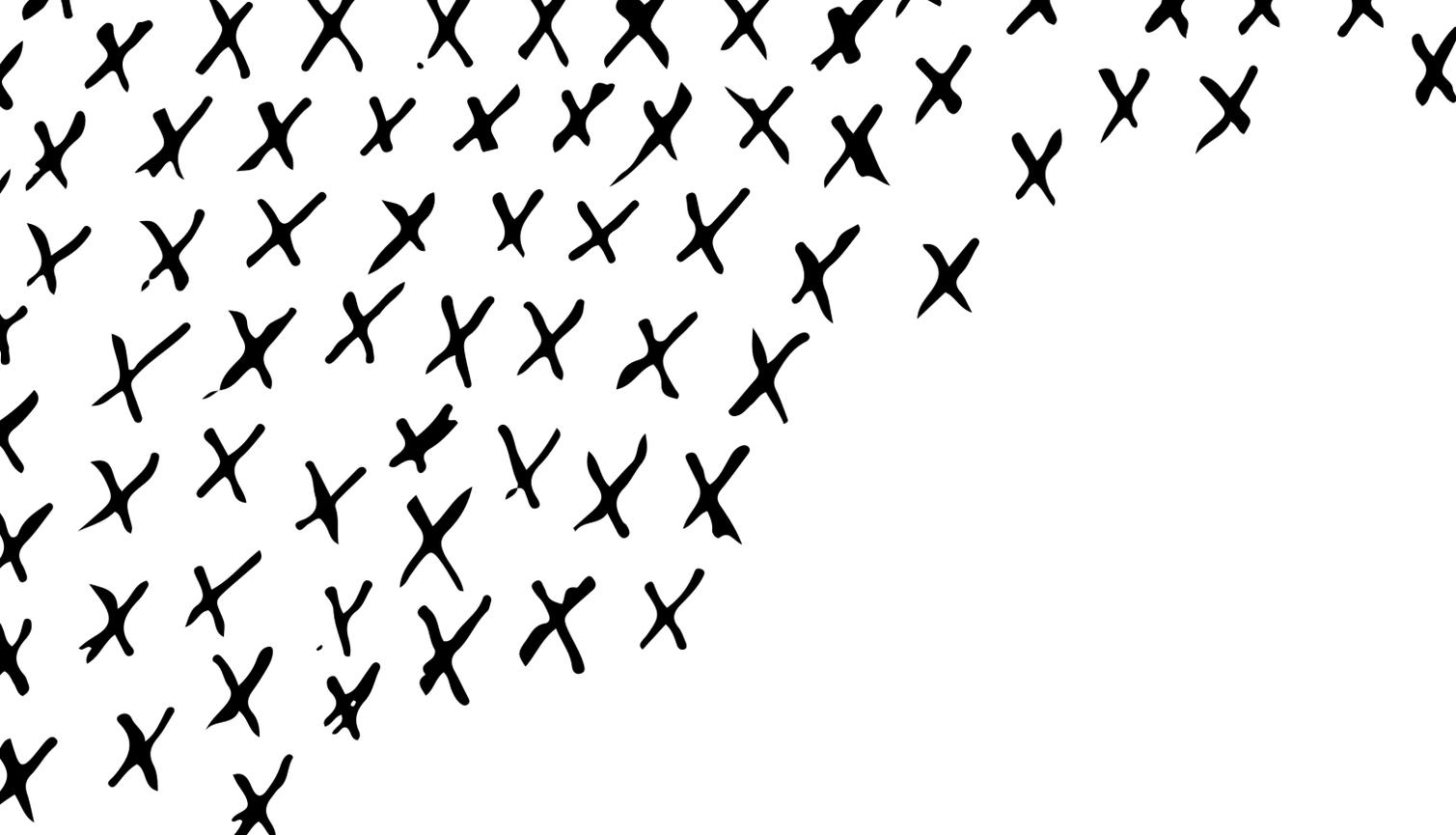
Because the Bible is a collection of books, people usually struggle when they attempt to read it in order from Genesis to Revelation. Have you found a Bible reading program that helps you read the scriptures through from beginning to end?

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**04**

Why do you think poetry makes up almost a third of the books of the Bible? How does poetry allow us to know about God, ourselves or the world? Why do you think that?

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Why are the nations so angry? Why do they waste their time with futile plans? The kings of the earth prepare for battle; the rulers plot together against the Lord and against his anointed one. “Let us break their chains,” they cry, “and free ourselves from slavery to God.” But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.

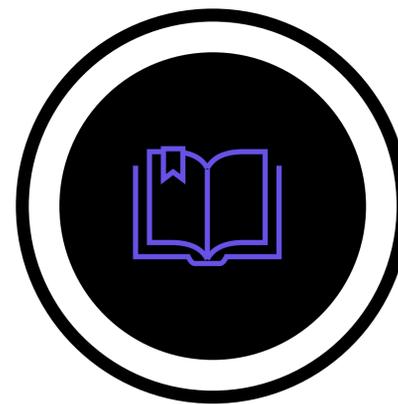
Then in anger he rebukes them, terrifying them with his fierce fury. For the Lord declares, “I have placed my chosen king on the throne in Jerusalem, on my holy mountain.” The king proclaims the Lord’s decree: “The Lord said to me, ‘You are my son. Today I have become your Father. Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession. You will break them with an iron rod and smash them like clay pots.’”

Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! Serve the Lord with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. Submit to God’s royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him!

**(Psalm 2)**

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“Look at my servant, whom I strengthen.

He is my chosen one, who pleases me.  
I have put my Spirit upon him.

He will bring justice to the nations.  
He will not shout

or raise his voice in public.

He will not crush the weakest reed  
or put out a flickering candle.

He will bring justice to all who have been  
wronged.

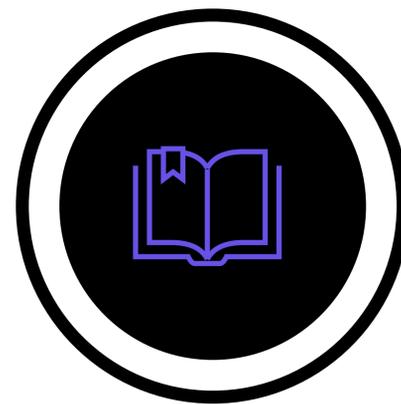
He will not falter or lose heart

until justice prevails throughout the earth.

Even distant lands beyond the sea will wait  
for his instruction.”

***(Isaiah 42:1-4)***

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One day Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. As Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens splitting apart and the Holy Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice from heaven said, “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

***(Mark 1:9-11)***

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**01**

In the verses above, we have examples of poetry. Why do you think God uses so many different styles of writing in the books of the Bible?



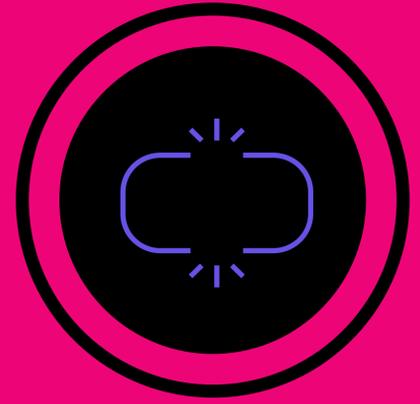
**02**

Do you agree or disagree that there are some styles or books of the Bible that “speak” more clearly to us during different seasons of our lives? What are some examples you’ve seen?

**03**

Do you agree that God has created us to learn from stories? What stories from the Bible have had a powerful effect on you? Do you see a common thread among them?





**01**

How would you explain to someone who had never read it that the Bible is a story of God's love for his people?

**02**

Do you think that different personality types are drawn to one genre of Biblical account over another? What are you drawn to? Why?

**03**

Have you experienced people who are unfamiliar with the Bible dismissing it because of what they assume it says? What are some of the objections you have heard?

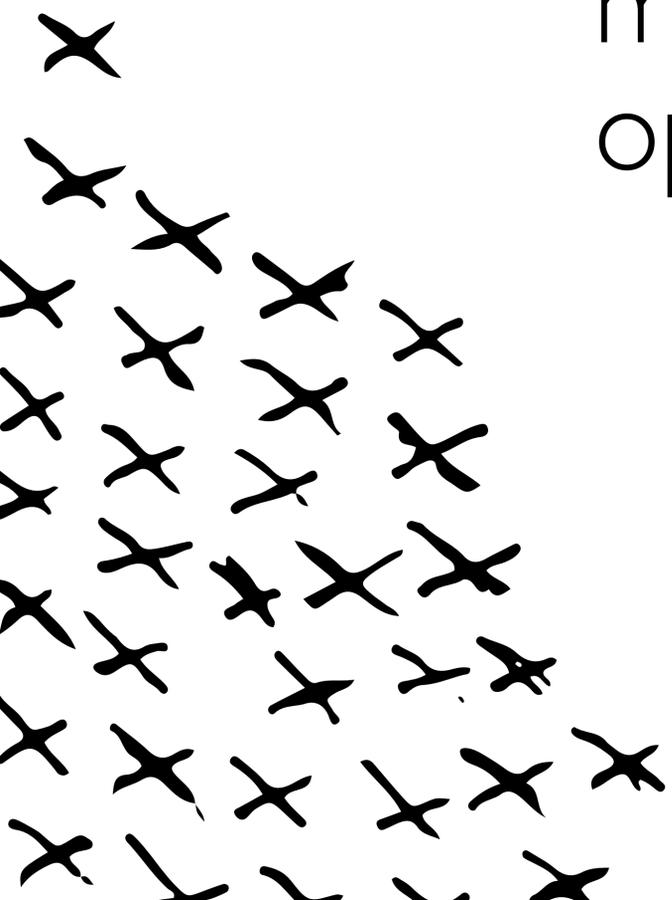
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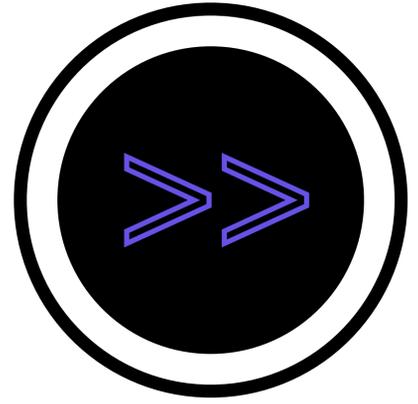
How has this discussion changed or deepened your understanding of the variety of writing styles in the Bible?



# Q: HOW DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT HELP US UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE?

A: The Holy Spirit guides us into truth by leading us to meet with Jesus when we open the Bible.





- 1. If your love for God is expressed through a love for his Word, how would you assess your relationship with God?*
- 2. What style of biblical writing are you most comfortable with? What style is the most difficult for you to follow or understand?*
- 3. Do you currently use a Bible app? If so, what do you enjoy most about it? If not, would you consider using one in the future?*
- 4. Are you willing to commit to reading/studying a book in the Bible with which you have struggled in the past? What book?*





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