

Week beginning May 3rd 2021

# How to read the Bible

- sermons 25/4 and 2/5

## Welcome

What is your favourite book in the Bible and why?



15 mins

## Worship

Psalm 119: 89-96

You might like to read the passage as a group, taking one verse each.

Allow 5 minutes for silent reflection.

Let each person share one short thought on the passage before turning to praise and prayer.



15 mins

## Word

1. How many references can you find in the Gospels where Jesus quotes the Old Testament. 5 minutes! What does this tell us?
2. Read Luke 24:13-27 How does Jesus say we are to read the Old Testament. What do you think this means?
3. Matt 5:17-20 What do you think Jesus means when he says that he has come not to abolish but to fulfil the Law and Prophets?
4. In Matt 5:21-48 we see that Jesus' interpretation of OT law is more demanding and far reaching than the original. He neither condemns or rejects, rather transcends. What can we learn from this?
5. What do you think it means to say that whilst it is right that we ask questions of scripture, primarily we should allow scripture to ask questions of us?



50 mins

## Witness

Think of a Bible verse which you could use to encourage someone this week—by phone, or card or text.

Use the verse as a way to pray for that person during the week.



10 mins