



Today we're starting a brand new sermon series at Coastline called, *Lean In*. There are so many parts of our lives that we don't engage. We lean away from confrontation, difficult subjects, broken relationships, and things that require change. But what would happen if we began to lean in? What would change if we choose to lean into God this year and see what He has for our lives? We're starting off by leaning in to Scripture. One of the primary reasons that people don't read their Bible is they don't think it's applicable. In Psalm 19 we read that the Law of the Lord is perfect. We learn that God's precepts are trustworthy. We learn how to have a reverent fear for the Lord. Work through these questions either alone or with some others and grow in Scripture.

1. Neal shared a story about a neighbor in college and how their conversation prompted him to read the Bible on a daily basis. What was a catalyst for your reading the Bible on your own? Where are you currently reading in the Bible?
2. One reason people don't read the Bible is that they don't think it's reliable. Read Psalm 19:7 and talk about how God's words perfect. Share a story when reading the Bible was the perfect words you needed for that exact time.
3. Thinking about the Bible being perfect, read Psalm 12:6-7. Share a time in your life that you considered participating in sinful behavior. How did the word of the Lord protect you from participating in that wicked behavior?
4. Another reason people don't read the Bible is because they don't think it's practical. Read Psalm 19:8 and talk about God's word can be our personal conduct. Share about how the Bible has been practical in a life situation you encountered.
5. Read Hebrews 4:12. The author teaches us that the word of God is alive and active. He goes on to share that it judges our thoughts, attitude, and heart. Can you think of a time that God's word impacted your thoughts, attitude, or heart?
6. A final reason people don't read their Bible is because they don't know how to apply it to their life. Read Psalm 19:9. So often we think about fear as being scared. What does Psalm 19 and Proverbs 1:7 teach us about fearing the Lord?
7. Read Psalm 119:11 and 105. the Psalmist teaches us how the word of God is applicable in our life when we apply it. Talk about ways that you have applied God's word to your life and share what the outcome has been.
8. Close your time in prayer. Talk about who you will invite to Coastline Online.