### Scripture Reading

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# 1) Always remember the <u>Kingdom revealed</u>

#### Ezekiel 36:26–278 (NIV)

<sup>26</sup> I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

#### 2) Dealing with <u>difficult verses</u>

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# Acts 2:16–18 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: <sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

# 3) What about the <u>violence</u>?

### Psalm 86:15 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup>But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness.

# 4) Jesus loved the Bible

Mark 12:24 (NIV) <sup>24</sup>Jesus replied, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?