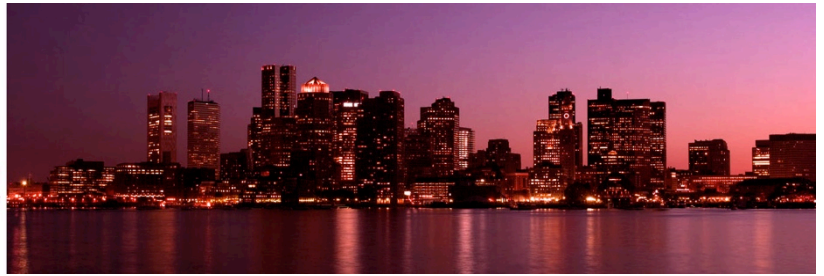


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Brian & Malisa Ellis - Serving with Cru in Boston

# Change Boston



## Reading God's Word

Yesterday in our discipleship group with some student guys, I asked a question: "What have you guys been reading lately in the God's Word?"

"Not much, I should be reading more." "To tell you the truth, I haven't been reading much of the Bible lately." "I guess I've been looking at a little of John's gospel, and maybe a psalm." "I've got to get that back into my schedule."

This makes me sad because I want our students to **LOVE God's word**. That's something I think about often: how do I cultivate a love for God's word in the students I work with?

**How about you?** How did you first come to understand God's word? How has your reading of the bible changed?

Over the years, Malisa and I have grown a huge love for God's word. This looks different at different times in our lives. On a summer mission trip to Berlin as a student, I had tons of time and so I wrote my own (very poor) commentary on Hebrews. When Malisa and I were dating, she had the space to have long quiet times with her bible and her journal in the living room of her home in Seattle. Now as parents of 3 little kids, it looks different.

Now, I grab bits of the Bible wherever I can. I love reading it to my children (often with the *Jesus Storybook Bible*). I get to study Ephesians during our summers in the Middle East. But much of my connection with God's word comes in bits - in Podcast form, in apps on my phone, by reading devotional books on my Kindle, by listening to sermons, by reading to prepare for time with students. I've recently been enjoying both the podcast and videos of *The Bible Project*. Jacqui, one of our students, turned me onto the videos and my friend Dan turned me on to the podcast.

What about you? **What would be a good next step at getting into God's word?**

- Reading at a particular time
- Listening to the bible
- Listening to the bible being taught (sermon series or podcast)
- Writing it out
- Contemplative bible reading

Would you take a moment and e-mail or text us with your next step?



Pray that each of these students with us at our Cru fall retreat would love God's word!

Loving our adventurous Lord,

*Brian & Malisa*

## Prayer Requests

- For all the students Malisa and I work with would grow a lifelong love of God's word including Sam, Nick, and Christian that Brian worked with this week
- For Lucy, a new believer from Northeastern who has taught herself to study the bible (And LOVES IT) by reading *Women of the Word* by Jen Wilkin - we gave it to Lucy and recommend it to you.



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