

Life Groups & Ministries

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
(Hebrews 10:24, NIV)

Living in the Real World

SEPARATE FROM THE WORLD

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."
(Romans 12:2a, NIV)*

ENGAGE THE WORLD

*"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared
to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason
for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,"
(1 Peter 3:15, NIV)*

CONFRONT THE WORLD

*"Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty
will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice
in courts."
(Amos 5:14-15a, NIV)*

We are not called to imitate the world.

We are called to separate from its values, engage with its people,
and lovingly confront the world with the truth of God's Word.
Amen, Amen, and Amen.

Our Vision

Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

Mission Statement

Influence people for Christ to enlarge
God's Kingdom.

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LIGHTHOUSE

June 28, 2026

Family News

The Real Word for Living in the Real World: How Do I Read the Bible?

Colossians 3:16 (NLT), Matthew 4:4, Luke 10:38-42

This month, we've been exploring the idea that, as Christians, we are envoys (messengers) who are on a mission to pass on the message entrusted to us. What message are we passing on? The message is the Word, and that the Word is a person: Jesus Christ (John 1:1).

The message we are passing on is revealed to us in the Bible. The Bible is the inspired Word of God, historically accurate, and trustworthy. We can trust that the message we receive is true. And the message we receive through the bible is the lens we use to interpret and understand the world. It teaches us how to interact with the people and the world around us.

So we, as Christ's messengers, must know the message well to pass it on faithfully. In simpler terms, functionally, that means we need to read and get familiar with the Bible. A simple Christian truth, but one that can be hard to execute. To help us out, today we'll be exploring how-tos of reading the Bible. I'll be sharing some of my own learnings from over the years, alongside some wisdom from people who grew to love reading the Word of God.

Pray, Read, Supplement, Reflect, Together. These are some steps I suggest to help you start reading the Bible. Praying throughout our reading grounds us in the Spiritual - pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit so that we are full of God's presence to hear from Him. We read the Bible, noticing what we notice. We supplement it wisely with devotionals, commentaries, study guides, Google, and AI. We reflect and question what we read healthily. And we can do this all together: alongside one another as believers when we ask questions and learn together.

The Word of God is wonderful. It is life-giving, full of wisdom and teaching. You may have heard this before, but it's a different thing entirely to experience it for yourself. Let us experience for ourselves the beauty of God's Word. Let's read our Bible together, Lighthouse!

William Zhao

*"May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees.
May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous."
(Psalm 119:171-172, NIV)*

TODAY

Morning Prayer @ 8.00 am

**Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00 am
(live stream)**

- Praise & Worship**
- Welcome & Prayers**
- The Word**
- Ministry**
- Notices & Birthdays**
- Benediction**

Coffee & Tea

Birthdays

- June 28 - Jocelyn Sherwood
- June 28 - Nick Heinemann
- June 28 - Starry Lui
- June 29 - Mikayla Chai
- June 30 - Vihn Ly
- July 04 - Jordan Willemse

**The Blessing is
In His Words**

*"Blessed is the one who reads
aloud the words of this prophecy,
and blessed are those who hear it
and take to heart what is written
in it, because the time is near."
(Revelation 1:3, NIV)*

**God promises a blessing not only
to those who hear His Word, but
to those who take it to heart.**

**Make time to read His Word.
Jesus speaks through His Living
Word.**

**God's Word:
Our Joy and Delight**

*"How sweet are your words
to my taste, sweeter than honey
to my mouth!"
(Psalm 119:103, NIV)*

*"When your words came,
I ate them; they were my joy
and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name,
Lord God Almighty."
(Jeremiah 15:16, NIV)*

**Spend time in Scripture today and
discover the joy, peace, and strength
that only He can give.**

- Love it.**
- Read it.**
- Hear it.**
- Live it.**
- Leave it.**

**2026/2027 Church Theme
Lighthouse Legacy**

- 01/03 - 36th Church Anniversary
- 08/03 - Legacy: How We Live to Leave
- 15/03 to 26/04 - Legacy of Faith and Works
- 03/05 to 31/05 - Making Faith Work
- 07/06 to 28/06 - The Message: The Legacy of the Word

The Legacy of the Word

*"The law of the Lord is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes."
(Psalm 19:7-8, NIV)*

**May we not only read God's Word but also live it
and leave its legacy for others to follow.
Let our lives influence others to come to Jesus
so that His Kingdom continues to grow
from one generation to the next.**

Praise the Lord!!!

**Themes for
the past 10 years
2025/2026
Lighthouse United**

**2024/2025
Come & Go**

**2023/2024
The Good Life**

**2022/2023
OUTSIDERS**

**2021/2022
complete **7** perfect**

**2020/2021
Contrast: Jesus Is
The Difference**

**2019/2020
Who Am I? Jesus Is:
Therefore, You Are**

**2018/2019
City On A Hill**

**2017/2018
Chosen Generation**

**2016/2017
Higher, Wider, Deeper**

Hearts Together in Prayer	
28/06 (Sun): Lord Jesus, thank You for this beautiful Sunday and for the opportunity to gather in Your presence. We come before You with grateful hearts, praising You for Your goodness, faithfulness, and unfailing love. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.	
29/06 (Mon): A deeper love for God's Word that draws us closer to Jesus and becomes the foundation on which we build our lives. Amen.	30/06 (Tue): Wisdom to engage with others and open doors to have meaningful conversations about our faith in Jesus Christ.
01/07 (Wed): Boldness to stand in our faith. Courage to lovingly confront sin and point people toward God's grace, love, and mercy.	02/07 (Thu): To become faithful and effective witnesses of Jesus through both our words and our actions in our daily lives. Praise the LORD!!!
03/07 (Fri): The Holy Spirit transforms our lives from the inside out, renewing our minds and shaping our character for His glory and honour. Amen.	04/07 (Sat): Pray that we will respond to life's difficulties with faith. Emerging stronger, wiser, and more dependent on Jesus completely.

*"O Lord, listen to my cry; give me the discerning mind you promised.
Listen to my prayer; rescue me as you promised."
(Psalm 119:169-170, NLT)*