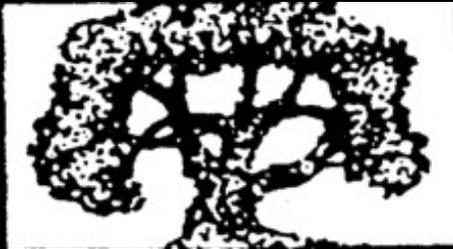
A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding an open Bible. The pages are aged and yellowed, and the book is held open, showing the text. The background is dark, making the book and hands stand out. Overlaid on the image is the title text in a large, white, bold font with a black outline.

# Reading the Bible Repeatedly & Imaginatively

# Read Repeatedly

BEGINNING PICTURE...



...BECOMES CLEARER

OBSERVING THE TEXT

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READ THE  
PASSAGE &  
CONTEXT

1.

MAKE  
GENERAL  
OBSERVATIONS

2.

DISCERN  
THE  
STRUCTURE

3.

IDENTIFY  
THE  
MAIN THEME

4.

STATE  
THE  
PURPOSE

5.

# A boring way to begin a book?

•ESV Matthew 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. 2 Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, 3 and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, 4 and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, 5 and Salmon the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of David, 6 and David the father of Solomon, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, and Jehoram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah, and Jechoniah the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, 15 and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, 16 and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

**“The first verse stunned me,” Jerry recalls. “It said that Jesus was related to my forefathers.”**

JERRY BENJAMIN



# How to Observe Imaginatively

- ① Different translations
- ② Rewrite the text
- ③ Different language
- ④ Read aloud
- ⑤ Vary your setting
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