

Half of Americans Reveal Just How Much Scripture They Have Read

Just shy of half of Americans have read at least 50% of the Bible, but only a quarter qualify as “active” Scripture readers, according to just-released data.

The American Bible Society surveyed 2,649 U.S. adults from Jan. 8-27 and found 48% of Americans said they have read half the Bible or more, including 17% who said they’ve read the entire Bible. Another 17% said they’ve read most of the Bible and 14% said they’ve read about half the Scriptures.



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Thirty-five percent of respondents said they have read “a little” of the Bible, while 7% admitted they are “not sure” how much of Scripture they have read.

The new data suggests the 2025 spike in Bible reading has subsided.

“Last year, we saw an uptick in Bible reading in the United States, Bible sales increased, [and] we heard discussions about revival,” John Farquhar Plake, editor-in-chief of the State of the Bible series for the American Bible Society, said in a statement. “But this year, Bible use and Scripture engagement have generally returned to 2024 levels.”

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