

The Trellis Bible Study Guide

Title: Bible

DATE: October 4, 2020, Week 4

Focal Passages: Timothy 3:16-17

Focal Story: Phillip and the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40)

Focal Question: “Do you understand what you are reading?” (Acts 8:30)

Bible Description: Life with Jesus grows deeper through immersion in the Living Word of God.

Definition: Bible/Scripture/Word of God are used interchangeably to describe God’s self-disclosure to us human beings who were created by him. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, we take these inspired words of Scripture into our hearts and live out that message. Then, they become the Living Word of God who speaks to us and can transform our lives.

Bible Study Content:

Trellis Reference: You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. – John 15:3

Focal Reference: All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. – 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NRSV

Uses of this Practice:

- Preparing for Sunday Bible study
- Preparing for Wednesday Bible Study
- Reading the Psalms
- Finding yourself in God’s story
- Reading and re-readings the same Scripture
- Meditating on Scripture

Recommended for Further Reading:

Mike Cospers, *Recapturing the Wonder*, “Bringing Scripture to Life,” (Downers Grove, IL.: InterVarsity Press, 2017), 69-73

Richard Foster, *Life with God: Reading the Bible for Spiritual Transformation*, “Seeing the Bible Afresh,” (New York: HarperCollins, 2008), 1-20.

Marjorie Thompson, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life*, “Chewing the Bread of the Word,” (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014), 17-30