

Get To Know Jesus All Over Again

Luke 24:13-35

OPEN

What has been your of experience Bible reading and reflection in your faith journey?

In this current season of life, how would you describe your engagement with Scripture:

- I need to return to this practice in my life
- I am reading my Bible occasionally, but desire to read it more
- I am doing pretty good...I am reading my Bible several times each week.
- I am seeing my life being by the Bible. Nothing could keep me from engaging the Bible each day.
- Other?

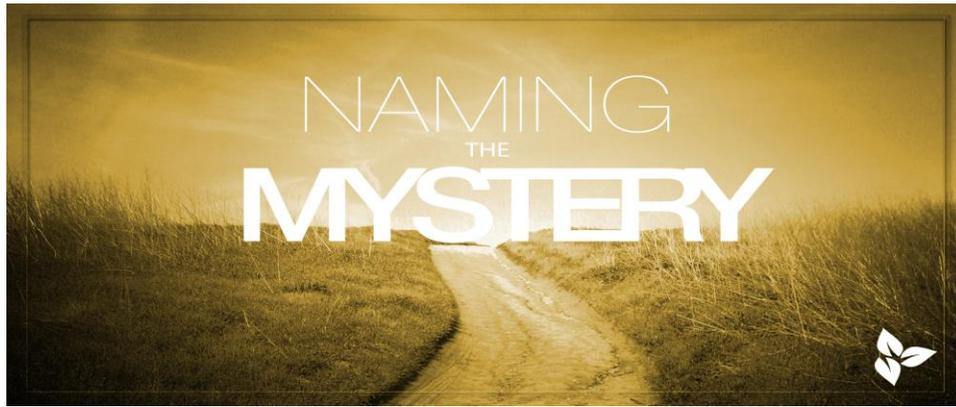
DISCUSS

*"For the word of God is **alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Heb 4:12*

Engaging Scripture is much more than simply learning or gaining knowledge. Scripture is transformative to our lives. Over the last 7 years, the largest spiritual survey in human history (*Reveal*) has been conducted (Christ Church was part of it) looking to measure spiritual vitality in church and in people. One of the discoveries from the results is that regular reading and reflection on Scripture is a catalyst for spiritual growth no matter how old or where a person finds themselves on the spiritual journey. Given what the verse above says, we can believe the words in the children's song *The B-I-B-L-E*, "The Bible tells me so."

Why do you think Christians do not read their Bibles as often as they could (or should)?

What are the risks for not reading and reflecting on Scripture regularly?



Read Luke 24:13-35.

- Quickly share the context and the main ideas from this passage.
- What is significant about Luke 24:26-27?

Getting to Know Jesus All Over Again:

1. To encounter Christ's presence, you must learn to see life through the lenses of Scripture—the Old and New Testaments.
 2. You must desire to know Jesus and intentionally make room (time) in your life for prayer and Bible reading and reflection.
 3. Jesus works in the context of community. You must intertwine your journey of faith and Scripture with others. Do not limit your Bible engagement to just you. (Mat 18:20)
- What do you think about these three principles for knowing Jesus all over again? Have you found them to be true? Explain.
 - How could your group be more intentional in engaging God and his word when you gather together?

YOUR NEXT STEP...

- Commit yourself to structure time in your day to read, study and reflect on Scripture.
- Select one method from the *How to Study the Bible* handout and use it for the next two weeks. (You may try all of them, but give one or more a chance to become a regular practice.)
- Share with your group or other partners in your journey what you are learning, how you are challenged, and how Scripture is impacting your life.