

Walking with God: Reading the Bible

In this study we will discuss the importance of reading the Bible in our spiritual walks with God. The Church has some pretty strong language to use on this topic. Have someone read:

- CCC 133
- CCC 103
- CCC 104
- CCC 109

Now let's look at scripture itself and see how Jesus used it. Notice here how he not only knows it, but has it memorized. Have someone read:

- Matthew 4:1-11

Very often people struggle with how to interpret scripture. Should it be taken literally? Metaphorically? How would we know which and when? The Catechism addresses those questions. Without going too deeply on this aspect of the topic, let's get a high-level view of what the Church says about it. Have someone read:

- CCC 115
- CCC 116
- CCC 117

It's worth noting that the Bible is made up of a variety of different genres of books. They're not all historical as people often assume. Some are poetic, others prophetic, some historical, etc.

Discussion Questions:

1. Let's go back to CCC 109. Have you ever experienced God speaking to you through the scriptures, and if so, how?
2. Did anything from the passages we read stand out to you? Anything confusing or maybe profound that hit you in a powerful way?
3. How do you read the Bible? How often? What works for you?
4. Do you have any favorite books or favorite verses that mean a lot to you?
5. Jesus had scripture memorized. What spiritual benefits are there to knowing scripture deeply?
 - *In addition to fighting Satan as Jesus did, the biggest benefit is that it helps us know God more, hear from him, and grow closer to him (see CCC 133 again)*