15. How to read the Gospels

Watch

Go to the Bible Project website (on Zoom you can opt share a screen) and watch the video: "The Art of Biblical Poetry" https://bibleproject.com/videos/how-to-read-gospel/

Discussion Questions

(These are optional, you can use all, some or none, and go straight to "Read & Share")

Read: Luke 11:33-53

- 1. How do the people in this story react to Jesus? What are their motivations? What are the results?
- 2. Do I see my own response to Jesus mirrored in these characters?

Read & Share:

Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 (someone to read it aloud) and ask the following 3 questions:

What does this passage tell about God?

What does this passage tell about me?

How is this going to impact me in week ahead?

Pray:

Spend some time praying together with...and for... each other.

16. A Sabbath's Rest (Biblical Law)

Watch

Go to the Bible Project website (on Zoom you can opt share a screen) and watch the video: "Setting" https://bibleproject.com/videos/book-of-psalms

Discussion Questions

(These are optional, you can use all, some or none, and go straight to "Read & Share")

Read: Genesis 2:1-3

- 1. How do you find yourself responding to this unwelcome slowdown of life? What thoughts and emotions do you experience? What fears are you aware of?
- 2. God's rest in Genesis 2 is all about filling a sacred space with his divine presence and celebrating the beauty and abundance of creation. The Sabbath practice is a way for humans to remember God's presence and his ideal purpose for creation. What are some of the simple things you can celebrate or are grateful for? Who can you share that with this week?

Read: Matthew 12:14

3. Jesus was not doing away with the concept of Sabbath; rather, he was defining what it truly meant. The purpose of the Sabbath was mercy and harmony or wholeness, not legalism. Does this change how you think about resting in the current situation in any way?

Read & Share:

Read Psalm 27:1-15 (someone to read it aloud) and ask the following 3 questions:

What does this passage tell about God?

What does this passage tell about me?

How is this going to impact me in week ahead?

Pray:

Spend some time praying together with...and for... each other.

17. Renewal of your mind

Watch

Go to the Bible Project website (on Zoom you can opt share a screen) and watch the video: "Character" https://bibleproject.com/videos/new-testament-letters-epistles-historical-context

Discussion Question

(These are optional, you can use all, some or none, and go straight to "Read & Share")

"To read Romans well, we must read it as a writing to a specific church in a specific time. However as is with many letters, Romans fares well in other contexts, but until we profile [its original context]...we won't know what to make of it for those other contexts. Romans, like no other book in the entire Bible...is more relevant for the churches the Western World than any book of Bible. The message of Romans is that the weak and the strong of our day...must surrender their claims to privilege and hand them over to transformation by Christ."

What privileges could you surrender to Christ?

Read & Share:

Read Romans 12:1-8 (someone to read it aloud) and ask the following 3 questions:

What does this passage tell about God?

What does this passage tell about me?

How is this going to impact me in week ahead?

Pray:

Spend some time praying together with...and for... each other.