

USING THE DAILY READINGS

We read the Bible to learn from God and grow closer to him.

We believe that God speaks and that Scripture offers us a chance to hear from him. He speaks about who he is, who we are and what it means to live a life of joy, meaning and purpose.

Use the following questions as a guide for the Daily Readings:

1. What about the passage is grabbing my attention?
2. Based on my answer to #1, what do I sense God saying to me?
3. Based on my answer to #2, what am I going to do about it?

Keep in mind...

- Anyone can read the Bible! It's OK if you don't have much experience. God wants you to know him and will guide you. Begin your reading with a simple prayer telling him that you need his help and believe that he will.
- Look for a "word of grace" when answering Question 2. God is a loving Father. He may correct his children, but never condemns them. If you hear accusation or shame as you read, it's not God's voice. A word of grace is a word of identity – about him or about who he's created you to be – that moves and motivates you.
- Question 3 is all about faith. It's action without all of the answers. We grow closer to God when we hear from him, believe he has our best in mind, and trust him by doing what he says. It's the example that Jesus modeled perfectly for us and the life we are called to pursue.
- It is often helpful to read and discuss with others. Take the pressure off yourself to figure everything out on your own.