

Modes of Scripture

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6hb7nSL1gKU>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal of this session is for young people to a better understanding of the different ways that we read the Bible. Further, the hope is that young people will come to see that the Bible is truly the Word of God and therefore we can encounter Him as we read and pray with His Word.

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In this video, Fr. Mike looks at stages people pass through as they read the Bible throughout their lives. First, we often think that the stories we learn are children's story, then we may grow to a point where we expect the Bible to just be a book we read to be inspired or where we expect God to just answer questions we may have. He also explains that everything in the Bible is true, but it isn't always trying to communicate things as historically or literally true. The authors who wrote the books of the Bible wrote as themselves, but under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Fr. Mike described different stages in how we read the Bible throughout our lives. Do you identify more with one of these ways of reading Scripture (book of stories, inspirational quotes, answers, direction, recognizing voice of God the Father through the intent of the human author)?
2. If your life is the only Gospel that another person may read, what story are you telling?
3. How would you explain to someone that the author of each book of the Bible is the human author of that book, but that God is also the author?
4. Fr. Mike said that reading the Bible helps conform our will to God's will. How so?
5. Ultimately, when we read the Bible we receive the Word of God Himself, Jesus. A relationship with Jesus is so much more than stories or inspirational quotes. How does knowing this impact your outlook on reading Scripture?

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The purpose of this session was to help young people come to a better understanding of Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and also to give them courage to start reading the Word of God, no matter where they may be in their faith journey. Assure the youth that no matter their age, God can, and wants, to speak to them through the Scripture, God's love letter to His people.

Close in prayer by reading aloud the quote below by Pope St. Gregory the Great, our pope late in the 6th century, then saying together the Our Father.

"The Holy Bible is like a mirror before our mind's eye. In it we see our inner face. From the Scriptures we can learn our spiritual deformities and beauties. And there too we discover the progress we are making and how far we are from perfection."

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.