

Summer Traditions Read a Good Book

TALK IT OVER

Key Scripture

⁶ Take to heart these words that I give you today. ⁷ Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you're at home or away, when you lie down or get up. ⁸ Write them down, and tie them around your wrist, and wear them as headbands as a reminder. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Deuteronomy 6:6-9 (GW)

⁷ "Only be strong and very courageous, faithfully doing everything in the teachings that my servant Moses commanded you. Don't turn away from them. Then you will succeed wherever you go. ⁸ Never stop reciting these teachings. You must think about them night and day so that you will faithfully do everything written in them. Only then will you prosper and succeed. Joshua 1:7-8 (GW)

¹¹ My word, which comes from my mouth, is like the rain and snow. It will not come back to me without results. It will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do." Isaiah 55:11 (GW)

⁴ Jesus answered, "Scripture says, 'A person cannot live on bread alone but on every word that God speaks.'" Matthew 4:4 (GW)

²⁴ "Therefore, everyone who hears what I say and obeys it will be like a wise person who built a house on rock. ²⁵ Rain poured, and floods came. Winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not collapse, because its foundation was on rock." Matthew 7:24-25 (GW)

¹⁷ So faith comes from hearing the message, and the message that is heard is what Christ spoke." Romans 10:17 (GW)

⁴ Everything written long ago was written to teach us so that we would have confidence through the endurance and encouragement which the Scriptures give us." Romans 15:4 (GW)

¹⁶ Every Scripture passage is inspired by God. All of them are useful for teaching, pointing out errors, correcting people, and training them for a life that has God's approval." 2 Timothy 3:16 (GW)

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Start Talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's the last book you read?
- Do you usually say "Scripture," "God's Word," or "The Bible?"

Head: Start Thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Read Deuteronomy 6:6-9. Then watch this video: <https://vimeo.com/54601664#t=700s>
- Read Isaiah 55:11 and Romans 10:17. What promises are given to us by God in these passages?

Heart: Start Sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- The Holy Spirit creates faith, whether it be through the baptism of an infant (who cannot yet reason), through a life-changing experience (such as Saul of Tarsus experienced), or through the hearing of God's Word. Think of a person who is literally "soaked" with water. What do we look like / act like / sound like when we are "soaked" in the scriptures?
- Read Joshua 1:1-9. There is much emphasis in this passage about obeying God's Word. Obedience is not our favorite word, and it's a motif that probably isn't highlighted in churches as much as the "believe" motif. Do you think obedience needs to be emphasized more, the same, or less?

Hands: Start Doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Start the Life Journal Bible reading plan. Grab a copy from the welcome center or use the Renewal Church Denver app.
- Subscribe to Renewal's Scripture on the Go Podcast (Available at scriptureonthego.com or in the Renewal Church Denver app).
- Watch one of the four amazing new Gospel movies by the lumoproject.com, available on Netflix, YouTube, and iTunes (The ones with Selva Rasalingam as Jesus).

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power.

- *God, thank you for being a God who doesn't leave us guessing, but who gives us Your Word by which to know truth and love. Help us to embrace the promises and challenges in Your Word in order to live a life of joy in community on mission for you! Amen.*

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three for 15 minutes:

1. What has God been teaching you in His word this week? Is there anything you need to repent of?
2. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
3. How's your weekly 3-2-1 challenge going? (3 Conversations with New People, Learn 2 Names, Make 1 Meaningful Connection)
4. Pray for one another.