# Learning to Love to Read the Bible for Oneself

#### Some Tips:

- Try reading different translations to shake yourself out of familiarity.
- Try reading out loud to hear it being spoken to you.
- Try reading the lectionary readings for the day they have assigned readings for every day, not just Sunday! You can easily find these online if you look up Revised Common Lectionary.
- Expect that God will speak to you through His Word, by the power of His Holy Spirit.
- Let the text take the lead (don't try to shove your opinion into what the text is about)

### Fourfold Reading

Literal: plain reading, i.e., How would your kid explain it back to you? What happened?

Typological: how do the Old and New Testament connect, especially with stories of Jesus? How does this point to Jesus?

Moral: what's the moral of the story? What am I supposed to do?

Anagogical: what is to come (heaven, hell, last judgment, prophecies)? What is going to happen?

#### Lectio Divina

Read

Reflect

Respond

Rest

## Recommended Reading:

Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen, The True Story of the Whole World: Finding Your Place in the Biblical Drama Eugene Peterson, Eat This Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading Ellen Davis, Getting Involved with God: Rediscovering the Old Testament Chad Bird, The Christ Key: Unlocking the Centrality of Christ in the Old Testament Esau McCaulley, Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope John Goldingay, Old Testament for Everyone Series N.T. Wright, New Testament for Everyone Series The Bible Project (online resource of beautiful animated videos, classes, and a podcast!) There are also many different Bible reading apps that you can download! Notes: