

Home Groups Together - Spiritual MOT

Session 1 - Reading the Bible for yourself

3 Core Convictions of BEC

We want to be a church that is...

Built on Christ

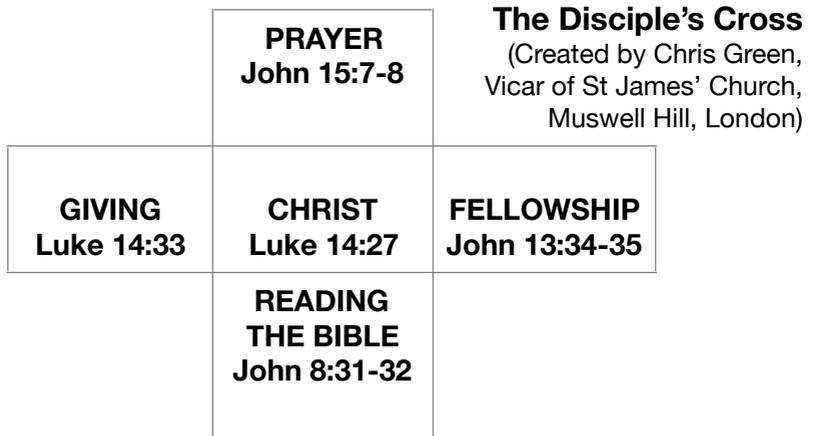
Growing Out

Growing Up Together

(Ephesians 4:11-16, Romans 8:28-29, Colossians 1:28-29)

What are we aiming for?

How will it happen?



Reading the Bible for ourselves

Why is Daily Bible Reading so important?

It's what we were made for (*Genesis 1:27-28*)

It's what Jesus saved us for (*1 Corinthians 1:9*)

It's what we need every day (*Matthew 4:4*)

It's where we see Jesus (*Psalm 119:9-11, John 5:39-40 & 2 Corinthians 3:18*)

What is daily Bible reading all about?

How can I read the Bible for myself?

(*Luke 8*)

1) Prepare the Soil

Practical Preparation - When and Where?

Spiritual Preparation - "Consider carefully how you listen..."
(*Luke 8:14-15, 18, James 1:21-25*)

"Do I really want God to speak to me?"

"Do I really expect God to speak to me?"

"Am I distracted by life's worries, riches and pleasures?"

"Is there sin in my life that needs confessing?"

"Have I put into practice what God said to me yesterday?"

“Dear Father God, as I read your scriptures please teach me, rebuke me, correct me and train me in righteousness so that I might be thoroughly equipped for every good work. Amen”

2) Sowing the Seed to Produce a Harvest

What?

<http://bec.uk.net/resources/reading-the-bible>

How?

Slowly

Ask Questions

BIBLE PASSAGE:



***What ‘shines’ out to you from the passage?
What gets your attention? What’s the big
idea? What does it tell you about God?***



What don’t you understand?



What are the applications for you?



***Who could you talk to about this? Who do
you know who would benefit from hearing
what you have learnt?***

Apply

A.P.P.L.I.C.A.T.I.O.N.S. QUESTIONS

(courtesy of Chris Green)

Is there any.....

Attitude to adjust?

Promise to claim?

Priority to change?

Lesson to learn?

Issue to resolve?

Command to obey?

Activity to avoid or stop?

Truth to believe?

Idol to tear down?

Offence to forgive?

New direction to take?

Sin to confess?

Pray

In small Groups

Have a go using the Swedish Method to study Matthew 8:23-27.

Personal Review Questions

How is my daily Bible reading at the moment?

What changes or improvements am I going to make to improve my Bible reading?