

Small Group “Sermon Based” Study

The Sermon Based Small Group Studies for the month of November will be in the “Lectio Divina” (*Divine Reading*) format.

The week of November 15th - “Shadows”- Feast of Passover - Sunday’s texts: Leviticus 23:4-5, Exodus 12:1-13

- Openers:**
1. Think about any debt you have had. What ways could you get out of paying it? Discuss how a bank responds if someone chooses not to pay their debt?
 2. What insight, principle, or observation from this week’s message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Questions? Explain.

Text: Use Ephesians 2:1-13 for the Lectio Divina(Divine Reading) exercise.

Lectio Divina: Now, let’s take time to “feast” on God’s Word.

(The leader walks the group through this exercise)

1. **Prep your palette** (Silencio-Be silent) Start your study time by asking the group to prepare their heart for about a minute or more with silence before you open with prayer.
2. **Take a bite** (Lectio-Read) Have each person read the scripture once or twice to themselves. After this, read over it once more as a group, out loud clearly.
3. **Chew on it** (Meditatio-Meditate) Ask the group to focus on what stands out to them. This could be a word, a phrase, a sentence. Have them choose the “One Thing” that God is revealing to them.
4. **Discuss it** - (De-Discuss)If you feel comfortable to share in the group, please explain what “One Thing” God has revealed to you through this study. Is it a promise? A conviction? A question? a direction, or something else?
5. **Savor it** (Oratio-Prayer) Group prayer to allow God to continue to apply what we’ve just learned.
6. **Digest** (Contemplatio-Contemplate) Over this week, think about any new insights that have come to you through today’s study.