

Reflecting on the Bible



OctoberFast can be a unique season in personal bible study. This year we are focusing on 4 passages to learn more about our community identity as a royal priesthood.

week 1: Exodus 19:1-6

week 2: 1 Peter 2:4-9

week 3: Romans 12:1-2

week 4: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

As you get ready each day to meet God through reading these passages, prepare to come without distractions. Finding a quiet place to sit, putting aside the phone, and taking a few deep breaths can help us get settled for reading and hearing God's word. Even though these passages might be familiar to you and it may be new to read the same passage every day for a week, prepare to read it with a teachable and curious attitude.

Each day, read that week's passage. After reading the passage a few times, take 5-10 minutes to reflect on the passage and consider 2-3 of the following questions. Perhaps pull out a journal and write out your response to 2-3 of the following questions.

What does the passage show me about God's character?

What blessing am I being invited to receive?

What is challenging about what I'm reading?

What is comforting about what I'm reading?

How would applying this passage bring a godly change in me?

What questions do I have about this passage?

Turn any one of the questions into a prayer by offering praise and thanksgiving to God, repenting from where your life is not aligned with the reading, and asking God to help you align your life with what your reading.