

Walking with Jesus this week

MONDAY 9/23/19

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-9. Each day this week, when you go to bed at night, open your Bible to the reading for that day. Leave it open all night and all day. When you rise in the morning, pick it up and read the verse. Let a word or phrase linger in your mind. When you go to bed at night, pick it up and read the verse. Let a word or a phrase, linger. If you wake up at night, do the same.

TUESDAY 9/24/19

Read Colossians 3:16. What word, idea, or idea stands out to you? Circle it or use a highlighter pen to mark the word or idea in your Bible. Carry the word or idea with you through the day.

WEDNESDAY 9/25/19

Read Hebrews 1:1-4. Meditate on how God's Word/Jesus puts the words written throughout the Bible in their proper place. In Jesus, the meaning and reality of scripture is clarified. How does that help things? How does that complicate things? Pray for eyes to see Jesus throughout the Bible.

THURSDAY 9/26/19

Read Matthew 5:17-48. Watch how Jesus takes the assumptions of people's lives and changes them. He pushes the boundaries. He even casts them aside. If Jesus alters the basic rules governing the spiritual lives of the Jewish people, what rules or assumptions do you think he would change today for us? Pray and ask Jesus to change your assumptions about yourself, about people, about God, and about life.

FRIDAY 9/27/19

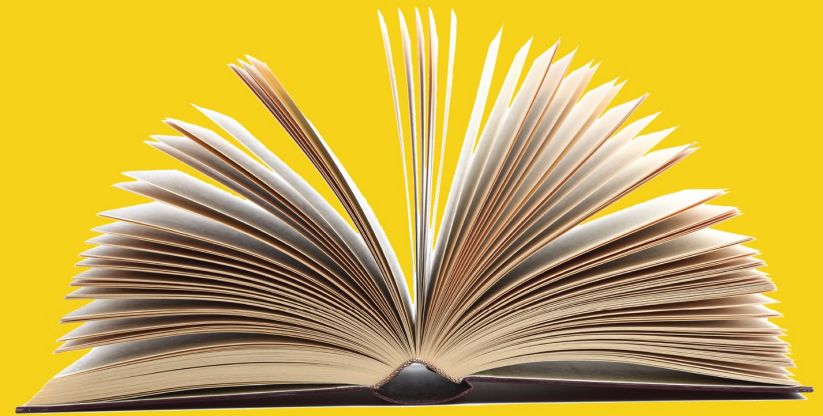
Read Matthew 22:34-40. Jesus ranks love of God/love of neighbor as the most important spiritual values in the Old Testament. There is a hierarchy of verses in the Bible. Some are more important than others. Some have more weight and importance. Jesus begins with love. Where do you need to bring love into a situation for better focus. Pray a short prayer for clarity.

SATURDAY 9/28/19

Read John 16:12-15. Be honest with yourself. What confuses you about Jesus? Where does his message and life challenge you?

30 DAYS TO UNDERSTANDING

SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2019



THE BIBLE

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IN 15 MINUTES A DAY



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Pt. 3 What is True in the Bible

September 21 & 22, 2019

Pastor Mike Brown

It is true that ...

1) The Bible is inspired

and not inscribed

"All scripture is inspired by God..."
-- 2 Timothy 3:16 (NRSV)

"then the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being."
--Genesis 2:7 (NRSV)

2) The Bible is about Christology

not some other "-ology"

"You search the Scriptures, because you believe they give you eternal life. And the Scriptures point to me!"
--John 5:39 (Living Bible)

"Then Jesus quoted them passage after passage from the writings of the prophets, beginning with the book of Genesis and going right on through the Scriptures, explaining what the passages meant and what they said about himself."
--Luke 24:27 (Living Bible)

3) Some Bible verses rank higher

the other verses

"This is the first and greatest commandment."
-- Matthew 22:38 (Living Bible)

"For I handed on to you as of first importance ..."
--1 Corinthians 15:3 (NRSV)

"In many and various ways God spoke to the people of old by the prophets; but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son."
--Hebrews 1:1-4

[Jesus said] *"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you..."*
--Matthew 5:22-23 (NRSV)

4) You'll have more questions

than answers

"And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'"
--Mark 4:41 (NRSV)

"[Jesus] said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?'"
--Matthew 16:15 (NRSV)

"Jesus said to them, 'Then do you also fail to understand? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?' (Thus he declared all foods clean.)"
--Mark 7:18-19 (Living Bible)

"I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth there is."
--John 16:12-15 (The Message)

30 Days to Understanding the Bible

September 7/8:	How to Read the Bible
September 14/15:	What to Look for in the Bible
September 21/22:	What is True in the Bible
September 28/29:	What to do with the Bible