Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ.

St. Jerome





If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:31

Praying with Scripture - Lectio Divina

Bring your Bible and this boxed *Lectio* to the actual time of prayer.

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	Psalm 139		Isaiah 44:1-5
	Jeremiah 29:11-14		John 15:11-17
	Deut. 30:11-20		Exodus 14:14
	Jeremiah 1:4-10		Ephesians 4:25-32
	Psalm 1		Matthew 5:1-12
	Micah 6:8		Hebrews 5: 14-16
	Romans 1:5-11		1 Timothy 4:11-16
	Hosea 11:1-4		Colossians 3:12-17
	Psalm 4		John 15: 11-17
	Sirach 2:1-11		Philippians 3:7-12
	Romans 8:26-27		Luke 10:25-28
	Romans 8: 28-39		Isaiah 49:15-18
	Luke 6:43-49		Galatians 2:20
	Psalm 32		Matthew 12:46-50
	1 Corinthians 1:26-31		Philippians 4:4-9
	Isaiah 30:20-21		Romans 13:1-10
	Proverbs 3:5-6		Isaiah 61:1-5
	Sirach 2:1-11		Matthew 21:12-22
	Luke 1:76-79		Mark 6:1-6
	1 Corinthians 9:24-27		Luke 19:1-10
	Matthew 6:24-34		John 3:16
	Jeremiah 17:5-11		Revelations 3:19-20
	Psalm 34		Matthew 22:34-40
	2 Corinthians 4:7-17		Luke 15: 11-32
	Sirach 6:14-17		Matthew 25: 14-30
	Isaiah 41: 27-31		Exodus 33:12-14
	Psalm 40		Ephesians 1:1-14
	Luke 11: 1-13		Psalm 31: 20-25
	John 8:31-32		John 1:35-51
	Matthew 6:19-21		1 John 5:13-15
	2 Corinthians 12:7-10		Mark 14: 3-9
	Ephesians 1:15-23		2 Timothy 4:1-5
	Luke 10:25-28		Psalm 143

Sirach 15:14-17

John 14: 15-31

Jeremiah 17:5-11

Isaiah 43:1-5

Read/Lectio

1. Read the passage out loud (if possible) slowly, simply to become familiar with it

Reflect/Meditatio

- 2. Read the passage again, silently.
 - Ask the Lord to let you read and "hear" it as if for the first time and ask: what does it mean?
 - Using your own words, tell this story in no more than 5 or 6 sentences

Spontaneous Prayer/Oratio

3. Pick one person from the passage: Imagine that you are in this person's "shoes."

NOTE: If the passage does not specifically name persons in its text, simply see if the words themselves evoke any particular feeling. Does it call to mind a previous, or presently occurring, incident or relationship in your life?

- A. How does it feel to be in this situation?
- B. Does it remind you of something or someone in your life?
- C. Is there anything you would say or do differently?
- D. Have a "heart to heart" talk with Jesus, sharing your honest feelings about anything that has come to mind in reference to your reflecting on this passage. It might be something that is weighing heavily on your heart, or something that moves you to a deep sense of gratitude and joyful praise.
- E. Choose one word or phrase from this passage that has special meaning for you.

Rest in God/Contemplatio

 Read the passage again. Close your eyes. Think of your favorite picture of Jesus and LISTEN to HIM.

Spend this time in simple silence, waiting and quietly listening for whatever the Lord might 'whisper' in your heart.

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