

LAMBETH (AFRICAN) BIBLE STUDY FORMAT

- A. Opening Prayer (say one of the following prayers in unison)
 - A-1. O Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our savior Jesus Christ, Amen. (Or)
 - A-2. Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth. O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy your consolations. Through Christ our Lord. (Or)
 - A-3. We thank you, O God, for the gift of your Love, and we offer and present to you, so far as we are able, all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do as only an emptiness to be filled by you until you are all in all and we are complete. Through the one who is the very fullness of your Love, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- B. One individual reads the appointed passage for the day slowly.
- C. Each person silently identifies the word or phrase that catches their attention. (1 minute)
- D. Each person shares their word or phrase around the group. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
- E. Another person reads the passage slowly (from a different translation, if possible.)
- F. Each person silently identifies where this passage touches their life today. (1 minute)
- G. Each person shares. (3-5 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
- H. The appointed passage is read a third time (another reader and translation, if possible.)
- I. Each person silently names or writes: "From what I've heard and shared, what do I believe God wants me to do or be? Is God inviting me to change in any way? (5 minutes)
- J. Each person shares their response. (5-10 minutes, NO DISCUSSION)
- L. Close with the following prayer:

We thank you, O God, for your Living Word, Jesus, and for the Scriptures of the Bible that speak to us, dwell in our hearts and inform our lives. Grant that your Holy Spirit may guide us to embody the life and teachings of Jesus and to proclaim the Good News of your love for all people. Amen.

HEARING THE GOSPEL LESSONS FOR EASTER 2024 THROUGH SUMMER 2024

I hope that we will take turns facilitating the discussion from week to week. It is almost always a mistake to identify a topic, because each gospel lesson can give us many things to think about. The topics listed here are just to help you make sure you have the right passage. But don't feel limited to the topics listed if the gospel lesson brings up something else in your mind.

<u>Bible Study Date</u>	<u>Lesson is read on:</u>	<u>Lesson</u>	<u>Topic</u>
March 31, 2024	April 7, 2024	John 20:19-31	Doubting Thomas
April 7, 2024	No Study– Ed is away		
April 14, 2024	April 21, 2024	John 10:11-18	The good shepherd
April 21, 2024	April 28, 2024	John 15: 1-8	Vine and branches
April 28, 2024	May 5, 2024	John 15:9-17	Love one another
May 5, 2024	May 12, 2024	John 17:6-19	Now I am coming to you
May 12, 2024	May 19, 2024	John 15:26-7,16:4b-15	Work of the Spirit
May 19, 2024	May 26, 2024	John 3:1-17	The Trinity
May 26, 2024	June 2, 2024	Mark 2:23-3:6	The Sabbath
June 2, 2024	June 9, 2024	Mark 3:20-35	He's out of his mind
June 9, 2024	June 16, 2024	Mark 4:26-34	Parables about seeds
June 16, 2024	June 23, 2024	Mark 4:35-41	Jesus calms the storm
June 23, 2024	June 30, 2024	Mark 5:21-43	Jairus daughter
June 30, 2024	July 7, 2024	Mark 6:1-13	Prophets are not without honor
July 7, 2024	July 14, 2024	Mark 6:14-29	Death of John the Baptist
July 14, 2024	July 21, 2024	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56	Come away to a quiet place
July 21, 2024	July 28, 2024	John 6:1-21	Feeding 5,000 (John)
July 28, 2024	August 4, 2024	John 6:24-35	I am the bread of life
August 4, 2024	August 11, 2024	John 6:35, 41-51	I am the living bread
August 11, 2024	August 18, 2024	John 6:51-58	My flesh is true food
August 18, 2024	August 25, 2024	John 6:56-69	These words are difficult
August 25, 2024	September 1, 2024	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	Defiled hands.

Remember the guidelines:

1. Come when you can, don't feel guilty if you can't.
2. Each week is a new lesson, so you're never behind.
3. There is no homework, so you're always prepared for class.
4. Each person who loves Jesus is a theologian and deserves to be heard.
5. Invite your neighbor or friend. Everyone is welcome.
6. Try to listen deeply to each other, and allow people to finish their thoughts before you share your own.
7. Negative or "so-called constructive" feedback and crosstalk are discouraged. Crosstalk is giving advice to others who have already shared, speaking directly to another person rather than to the group about your own experiences, and questioning or interrupting the person speaking at the time. If crosstalk occurs, the facilitator for the day will remind you of this policy.
8. Remember Matthew 7:1, and suspend judgment.
9. Love your neighbor as yourself.
10. We get in enough trouble discussing religion, so please leave worldly topics outside our walls.