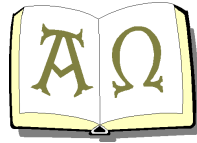


ST. HEDWIG BIBLE STUDY Guidelines



Daily Study

Spend time each day in the Scriptures. Set aside a regular time in which you spent time alone with our Lord in His Word. For many this may mean having to rise a few minutes earlier to avoid family activity and the busyness of the day.

Do the study each week even though there might be times you know you will be unable to attend. Consistency will enable you to receive the most from the study. The lectures are digitally recorded and will be available on request – this can be obtained by requesting them through email to Carol [ca.co.meck@verizon.net] or mention it to your leader. This year we plan to use the MP3 format.

Reference Materials

For your personal study each week please use your Bible and the references included in the questions. You are encouraged to use maps and a good Bible dictionary. Avoid using commentaries until after the Bible study meets for the week. Commentaries are studies and opinions of men and women and though they are very important tools in studying the Word of God they can influence the spiritual insights you might receive initially. Allow the Holy Spirit the opportunity to give you the spiritual understanding He wants for you at this time. Please do not use information you might have gained through other resources for teaching others within your group. This includes theology, doctrinal or technical information. It can take away from the amount of time needed to focus in on the Bible study we have here at St. Hedwig -- a personal and experiential one.

Weekly Study Sessions

Both weekly Sessions begin and finish on time [9:30-11:30 AM and 7:30-9:30 PM]. We meet in the Church. A calendar will be distributed showing the dates we will be meeting. We encourage you to come even if you are delayed in arriving on time or if you have been unable to do the lesson for the week.

If you have been unable to attend the study and would like to have a copy of the questions for the next week they are available in the gathering space of the Church, on the web site (listed in the bulletin) or you may pick it up at Carol's home. There is a box provided for the material next to the front door entitled "Bible Study Only". The address is: 12051 Pine St., Los Alamitos (on the corner of Bradbury and Pine).

Discussion Groups

Your leader will not be sharing in the group discussion. The leader's role is to facilitate the sharing of reflections on the readings. When sharing on a personal question please use 'I', 'me', 'my', etc., not 'we', 'our', 'us', etc. The leader will be reminding your group periodically of the necessity of this. Please do not feel you must share on every question. Time is limited for our sharing groups and therefore we will not be able to exhaust every possible answer.

Please remember that all things shared within the group itself are private and not to be commented on outside your group. We respect the privacy of every member of the Bible Study. Please do not comment on the sharing of another during the group meeting. If you wish you can share later with the individual.

Only those who have done the study before arriving, with answers written, are permitted to share in the group. This helps us to avoid the tendency to get off track. We do encourage you to come even if you were unable to get the questions done for that week. You may be blessed just by listening to how the Lord is working in the lives of others.

We hope that this year will be especially meaningful for you. Pray each time you open the Scriptures for study and trust that God will be your Teacher. If there is anything you do not understand or if any problems arise, please feel free to call your leader or Carol Meckler.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. 2 Tim. 3:16,17