

Monday - Week Fifty-two

Reading the Gospels “on your own”

Summary: You are on your own to read whatever section you want from the four Gospels (perhaps one section as the NIV divides things). Use the following questions to guide you in your reading.

1. What happened? (The facts)
2. What does this section teach you about Jesus?
3. What does this section teach you about yourself? (do any of the people in the reading have characteristics you have?)
4. Can you see God’s grace in this reading? Where?
5. What will this reading lead you to do today?
6. What does this reading lead you to pray about for yourself or others?

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Reading the Epistles “on your own”

Summary: You are on your own to read whatever section you want from the New Testament letters (perhaps one section as the NIV divides things). Use the following questions to guide you in your reading.

1. Who wrote this letter? To whom was it written? Are there any other details about the author or recipient that might make this reading clearer to you?
2. How does this section fit into the context of the letter (especially the verses immediately before and after the section)?
3. What does this section teach you about yourself?
4. Can you see God’s grace in this reading? Where?
5. What will this reading lead you to do today?
6. What does this reading lead you to pray about for yourself or others?

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Catechism Review

Read "Christian Questions" on the pages after question 376

1. How could you use the "Christian Questions" section? (Besides for preparing for communion)

2. The glossary in the back of the Catechism can be very useful. Often it's difficult for us to come up with solid definitions of terms we use often (faith, salvation, murder, church fellowship). Why is it sometimes difficult to define these terms?

Why is it important that we be able to define them?

3. There is also an index of passages used in the Catechism. How could you use this feature of the Catechism?

4. Why is it encouraging to see that this passage index is so long?

5. What has your favorite part of studying the Catechism been? Explain.

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Reading the Old Testament “on your own”

Summary: You are on your own to read whatever section you want from the Old Testament (perhaps one section as the NIV divides things). Use the following questions to guide you in your reading.

1. What happened? (The facts)
2. Is there a hero of the faith in this section?
3. What does this section teach you about yourself? (do any of the people in the reading have characteristics you have?)
4. Can you see God’s grace in this reading? Where?
5. What will this reading lead you to do today?
6. What does this reading lead you to pray about for yourself or others?

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Reading the Psalms “on your own”

Summary: You are on your own to read whatever section you want from the book of Psalms (perhaps one Psalm would work well). Use the following questions to guide you in your reading.

1. Who wrote this Psalm? Is there an introduction to the Psalm?
2. What type of Psalm is it? What is its function? (Teaching, praying, pouring our feelings, etc.)
3. What does this Psalm teach you about yourself?
4. Can you see God’s grace in this Psalm? Where?
5. What will this Psalm lead you to do today?
6. What does this Psalm lead you to pray about for yourself or others?