

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

& The Church in Scripture

SEASON 8 EP. 7

Group Questions

1. What struck you from this week's episode?
2. What has been your experience with the Holy Scriptures? Did you grow up reading the Bible often, have you just recently discovered the living Word of God, or are you still not sure where to begin?
3. Dr. Swafford mentioned the threat of Catholic Deism—where faith becomes about an idea and not about a person. How have the scriptures fostered your relationship with the person of Jesus?
4. Dr. Swafford said “theology is really about intellectual discipleship.” How do/can your bible studies, discussion groups, and personal study create disciples around you?

Lectio Divina

“This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful.” - Joshua 1:8

Journal Questions

1. Dr. Swafford's journey began with an intentional mentorship from Dr. Sri. Pray about who God is inviting you to intentionally disciple and what would that look like.
2. Dr. Swafford encouraged us to start small. What's one small daily scripture exercise you can commit to this week?
3. Take some time to reflect on your favorite scripture verse or one that has impacted your life. Ask the Holy Spirit how God wants to speak this word over your life in a new way.

Quote to Ponder

“Learn the Heart of God from the Word of God.” - Pope St. Gregory

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