

Adult Forum 9:15 am Sundays, Fox Hall
A Different Way to Read the Bible
(based on the book by Rob Bell)

In preparation for the first class, complete the following:

1. View the video “A Different Way to Read the Bible” on the Christ Church website, www.christchurchchattanooga.org & click on “Christian Education”, then click “A Different Way to Read the Bible” section.
2. Join the *Discussion Forum*, if interested, by clicking on “Christian Education” & select “Forum”. Link - <https://www.christchurchchattanooga.org/forum/general-discussions/a-different-way-to-read-the-bible-forum>

Week	Topic	Readings
1	<i>Why You’re Probably Reading the Bible Wrong</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Prayer• Orientation to Class process & structure – Review this syllabus and study guide• Handout resources• View Video <i>Why You’re Probably Reading the Bible Wrong</i>• Discussion of video• Prep for Next Week<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Read book assignment and <i>Bible</i> reading for next week○ Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)○ Record in Journal○ Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)	
2	<i>A New Kind of Tribe; A New Kind of God</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Prayer• Discussion of readings<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ How different was Rob Bell’s version of Isaac’s (almost) sacrifice & the Jewish, Christian, & Muslim accounts on <i>Wikipedia</i>?○ Were you able to track Rob Bell’s analysis from the <i>Bible</i> reading?○ What were the differences (if any) in Rob’s way of interpretation & your previous understanding?○ Were there any “Ah-Ha’s”?• Prep for Next Week<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Read book assignment and <i>Bible</i> reading for next week	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gen 12 & 22• Introduction, Ch. 16, & Ch. 14• Appendix A of this study guide or,• <i>Wikipedia</i>, search “Binding of Isaac”•

- Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)
- Record in Journal
- Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)

3 *A Different Way to Read the Bible*

- Opening Prayer
- Video *Rob Bell's Reading the Bible Process – Week 3*
- Discussion of readings & video
 - What are the key steps in Rob Bell's process to read *Bible* scripture?
 - Were you able to track Rob Bell's dialogue as you read *Ruth & Gen 13*?
 - Were there any "Ah-Ha's"?
- Rob Bell's *A Different Way to Read the Bible: A 3-Step Process* (Appendix B) (Bell, 15, 78)
- Prep for Next Week
 - Read book assignment and *Bible* reading for next week
 - Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)
 - Record in Journal
 - Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)

- Intro, Ch. 6-7, p.70, Ch. 10-11, Ch. 21, p.292-last 2 paragraphs
- Ruth, then Gen 13
- Video *Rob Bell's Reading the Bible Process –Week 3*

4 *Dualistic vs. Non-Dualistic Thinking: A 4-Step Process to More Fulfilling Relationships*

- Opening Prayer
- Video: Richard Rohr on *Dualistic vs. Non-Dualistic Thinking*
- Discussion of readings & video
 - What were your major take-aways from the video and readings?
 - What do you think are the causes of Dualistic Thinking in today's world?
 - How can we apply Non-Dualistic Thinking more often?
 - Rob Bell's *Non-Dualistic Thinking* Process: Appendix C
 - Block out differences (that is, dualistic)
 - Identify commonalities
 - Share each other's stories
 - Develop non-threatening/non-judgmental descriptions of your differences (best if jokingly).
 - Were there any other "Ah-Ha's"?
- Prep for Next Week
 - Read book assignment and *Bible* reading for next week

- Ch. 22
- Video - Richard Rohr on Dualistic vs Non-Dualistic Thinking

- Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)
 - Record in Journal
 - Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)
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- *Forgiveness: Jonah, the Assyrians, and the Fish*
 - *Worry - It's Over-rated: About Pearls & Pigs*
 - Opening Prayer
 - View video *Jonah, the Assyrians, & the Fish* & p.97
 - Discussion of readings & video
 - What were the differences (if any) in Rob's way of interpretation & your previous understanding?
 - Were you able to track Rob Bell's dialogue as you read *Jonah* and *Matthew 7*?
 - Were there any "Ah-Ha's"?
 - *Stop Worry 3-Step Process* page 71 & Appendix D
 1. Commit yourself to God's Loving Care
 2. Surrender your worry & anxiety & drama & stress
 3. Entrust *others* to God
 - Prep for Next Week
 - Read book assignment and *Bible* reading for next week
 - Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)
 - Record in Journal
 - Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)
- Read *Jonah 1:1 – 4:11*
 - Website video *Jonah, the Assyrians, & the Fish*
 - Read *Mt 7*
 - Read Ch. 19, 13, & 9
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- *Summation: The 3 Best & 3 Worst Questions to Ask When Reading the Bible*
 - Opening Prayer
 - Discussion of the "3 Best & 3 Worst Questions to Ask When Reading the *Bible*".
 - Prep for Next Week
 - Homework
 - Read the story of Jesus, the Pharisees, & the Adulterer (Jn 8:1-11)
 - Complete the Rob Bell *Reading the Bible* process in Appendix B, tell the story of Jesus, the Pharisees, and the Adulterer.
 - Be prepared to discuss your "lessons learned" in
- Read Ch. 41-42

- applying the process to this *Bible* story.
- Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)
- Record in Journal
- Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)

7 *Applied Learning Application Using Rob Bell’s Reading the Bible Process: Jesus, the Pharisees, and the Adulterer* • John 8:1-11
 • Appendix B

- Opening Prayer
- Jesus and the Adulterer (Jn 8:1-11) – Using the Rob Bell *Reading the Bible* process in Appendix B, tell the story of Jesus, the Pharisees, and the Adulterer
- Final Steps
 - Complete Meditation & Reflection (optional)
 - Record in Journal
 - Participate in online Discussion Group (if desired)