

10/3/21 LIFE NIGHT: TRENDING

Dear Parents,

The Bible stands at the center of Christianity. It is one of the most significant and best-selling books in all of human history, yet it is unlike any other book that has ever been created. The Bible is the living Word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit. It has been handed down to us so that we may know God's love and the story of our salvation. When your teens take the time to learn about the Bible and how to read it, they will see both the necessity and the power of Scripture in their life as they come to know God and themselves.

The goal of this Life Night is to introduce teens to the power of Scripture and invite them to consider the necessity of knowing Scripture in order to better know God and themselves. The conversation starters below will help you begin conversations with your teens about the content they learned during the Life Night. We hope that they will come this Sunday and leave the Life Night with a greater understanding of the relevance Scripture has in their lives, have fun learning about the Bible, and have a greater desire in their hearts to read God's Word. It's going to be a creative and fun night, as well as thought provoking and prayerful. Throughout this semester, we will be guiding them through the beautiful way to contemplate God's voice in Scripture, called Lectio Divina – an ancient Catholic method for reading and praying through Scripture. During this Life Night, we will be introducing the teens to the first step, Lectio.

If your teen has a personal Bible, please encourage them to bring it to this night and the other nights we will be focusing on Scripture. We will have Bibles for them to use at these Life Nights as well. They are theirs to keep, if they don't already have one.

KEY CONCEPTS

The Bible is not one of many historically significant books, but a living text inspired by the Holy Spirit through the writing of human authors.

Scripture reveals the reality of our origins and destiny and the story of salvation through Jesus Christ.

Scripture not only reveals Who God is, but who we are, as well.

When we take time to learn about the Bible and how it is intended to be understood and read, we can experience the necessity and power of God's Word. It has always been relevant and will always be relevant.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE

"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

CATECHISM REFERENCE

"In Sacred Scripture, the Church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, 'but as what it really is, the word of God.' 'In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them'" (CCC 104).

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What is the biggest challenge you have in reading the Bible?

Do you think that the Word of God can transform your life? Why or why not? Share how it has transformed your life.

What can we do as a family to make Scripture more a part of our daily lives?