

## NOTES & QUOTES

WEEK THREE

JANUARY 21

# WHAT ON EARTH AM I READING?

UNDERSTANDING THE BIBLE  
AND WHY IT MATTERS TO ME

### DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERVICE?

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## CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Do you remember the first Bible you ever owned?
2. Of the 66 books in the Bible, do you have a favourite one you find particularly meaningful?
3. If someone asked you what it means that the Bible is “inspired” or “God - breathed” how would you answer them?

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## THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Matthew 4:1-11 and Ephesians 6:17. How can we use the Bible in spiritual warfare and why is it so effective?
5. Read Psalm 19:7-11. What benefits of scripture are mentioned in these verses and how might they transfer as practical examples in our lives?
6. Tim Keller said, “To begin to understand a section of scripture, answer first – what did the original author intend to convey to his readers?”. Why is this so crucial as we approach scripture, and can you think of an example when not applying scripture in this way could lead to error?

7. Read Colossians 3:16. How does this verse inspire us to use scripture in the context of community?

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## COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Read Psalm 40 and pray it back to the Lord either as a group or as a part of your personal devotions this week.
9. In light of Colossians 3:16, who could you inspire using God’s Word this week and how might you do it?
10. Pray for the Holy Spirit to speak to you powerfully through the Bible this week.

### PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” HEBREWS 4:12