

July 15 - Heart

July 22 - Head

July 29 - Hands

¹ Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

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"Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within."

-J.B. Phillips

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The Pattern of this World - or God's Will



What is the Purpose of Life?
What is success?
What is evil?
How do we relate to Sex, Power, Money?
What does Community look like?

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¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. ¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, ¹⁶ for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

How are we Spiritually Transformed?

- 1. We refuse to be conformed to this world.
- 2. Our mind is renewed by the Word and Spirit of God.
- 3. Then we are able to discern and desire the will of God.
- 4. Then we do it.
- 5. Repeat.

Note: Spiritual Growth is an ongoing process (Journey)

Next Steps

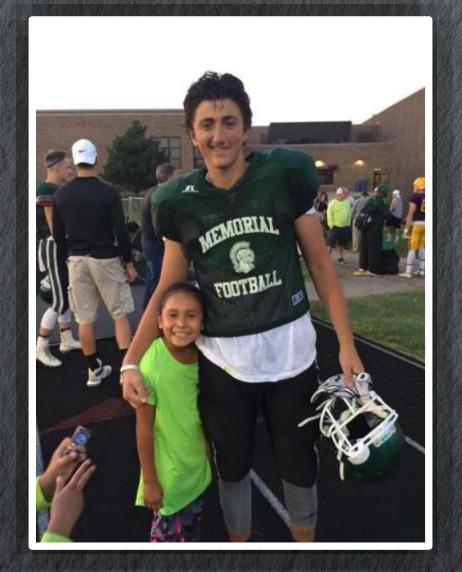
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- Passion Areas -

- Racial & Education Equity
- Homelessness, Hunger & Crisis Response
- Immigration
- Human Trafficking
- Incarceration & Post Prison

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- 2. Build a habit of being in the Word of God.

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Connect to the Bible in Community

Life Groups
Encounter
Mom to Mom
Men's Community

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Bible & Faith Event Saturday morning, October 13th



Dr. George Guthrie, Professor of New Testament; Regent College, Vancouver, BC

Connect to the Bible Personally

Next Steps Blog blog.blackhawkchurch.org

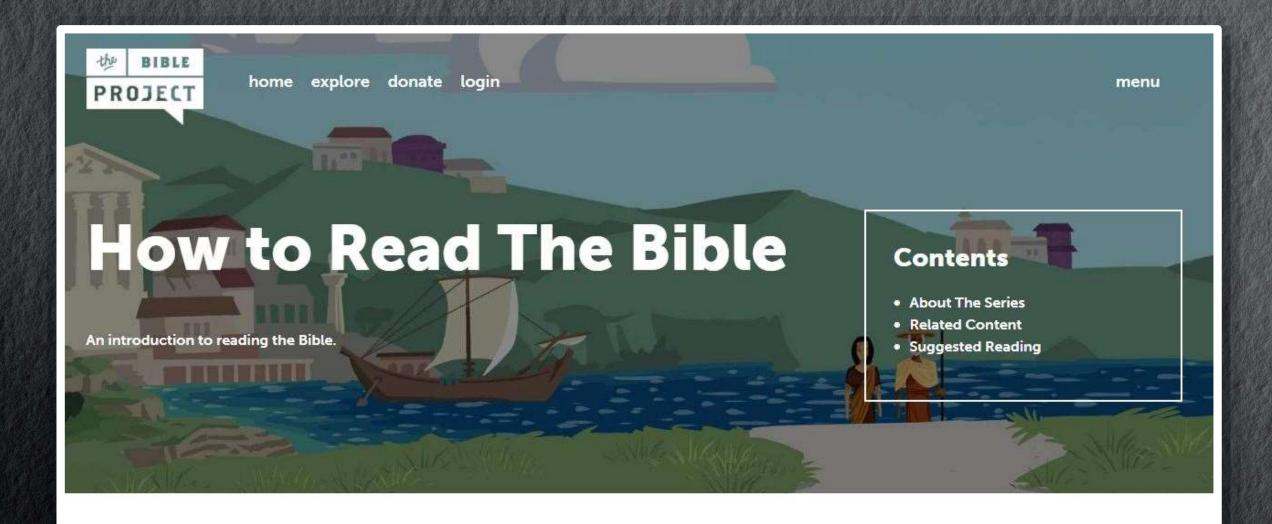
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"Nearly half of our views are international. In 2017 we had 100,000 views in Nigeria and 1.5 million views in Indonesia. And surprisingly, we discovered that a few brave people in North Korea are watching us on YouTube, who knew that was even possible."

-Tim Mackie, The Bible Project



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