



## Resource List: How You Can Enrich Your Experience

### Read the Bible

Use the bookmark (and stickers!!) to follow along and mark off what you have read. Before you read, ask God to speak to you through the Word and have a journal and pen ready to write down thoughts and questions. If you're not a reader, consider listening to an audio version.

If you want some reflection questions for your reading, you could try these:

- 1) What stuck out to you?
- 2) What does this text tell you about God?
- 3) Is there some kind of response asked of you from this text?

### Read a Book

*We have ordered several copies of each book so that you can borrow them from the church library. There are sets for small groups as well as individual books. Email [office@shermanstreetchurch.org](mailto:office@shermanstreetchurch.org) to find out what's available and request books.*

- **How to Read the Bible Book by Book: A Guided Tour** by Gordon Fee – This is a reference book to go alongside your Bible reading. It will give you an introduction to each book, including important themes and its place in the story of scripture.
- **Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again** by Rachel Held Evans – If you struggle with the Bible or feel alienated by it, this book will likely help you through. Evans went on her own journey from fundamentalism to alienation to a new understanding of scripture and faith. This book will take you through each kind of Biblical literature, will help you understand its context and how to read it, as well as addressing common struggles with the scriptures.
- **Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope** by Esau McCaulley – The Black Church has long been interpreting scripture though its interpretations have rarely found their way into writing. McCaulley gives us the opportunity to learn from the African American Church's way of reading the Bible as he asks questions of the Bible that most white interpreters have overlooked. It includes things like a theology of policing, and discussions of Black identity and anger.
- **The Very Good Gospel: How Everything Wrong Can Be Made Right** by Lisa Sharon Harper – This is a telling of the gospel with special attention to the word *shalom* and an attempt to imagine what shalom might look like. Read this book for a telling of the grand story of the Bible.

### Talk with a Friend

Encourage your small group to engage one of these resources or if you are not a part of a small group, you can sign up for a pod or email [ellen@shermanstreetchurch.org](mailto:ellen@shermanstreetchurch.org) to get set up. Otherwise, find a friend who is interested in reading a book or the Bible (or both) alongside you.

### Watch the Bible Project Videos

Thebibleproject.com has a variety of videos taking you through each book of the Bible as well as some prominent themes. We will be using these videos in our series, but they are available for free at any time.