

September 8, 2019
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Vision Sunday

Lectio Divina

1. **Opening Prayer:** Ask God for insight into His Word, for open hearts and minds, for hunger to know Him better, and for an attitude of learning from one another.

2. **Reading:** Have someone from your group read the passage aloud. It is best to print out a copy for each group member so they can read along, make notes, or go back as needed.

3. **Meditation:** Spend *an entire minute* in complete silence, contemplating what was just read. Feel free to re-read the passage quietly to yourself or jot down thoughts/highlight what stuck out to you.

4. **Sharing:** At the leader's signal, invite group members to share their insights for about 5 minutes.

5. **Repeat:** After the 5 minutes are over, repeat the process 2 more times using the same passage. Listen/read like you haven't heard this passage before. If there are longer moments of silence, the leader can prompt discussion with the following questions:

1. What did you hear and what seems important?
2. What is the Holy Spirit impressing on you?
3. What does it make you think of from your life?

³⁷Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38

³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'^(a) ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:39-40

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 20:28

¹⁴ Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. ¹⁵ I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. ¹⁶ Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. ¹⁷ Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

John 13:14-17