

Bible Study - P1 Class of 2028  
Block 2 - Christianity Overview  
Wednesdays at 4:00pm, Maddox Hall Room 224

**Today's Topic: Introduction to the Bible**

Today's Prayer Practice: Affirmation and Confirmation Prayer

What are three things you are good at?

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What are three gifts/talents/skills you have?

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What are three goals you are working towards?

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What do you think of when you hear "the Bible"? What does the Bible mean to you?

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Approaching the Bible and How to Read the Bible:

1. Center yourself by finding peace and focus.
2. Start with a prayer. Core pieces: greetings, admiration, thanksgiving, expressing exploration, seeking understanding, to closing with an amen.
  - a. "Hello God, thank you for another beautiful day. I thank you today for all you have done for me and are still going to get me through. I want to take this moment to explore your words and understand you further. Help me to seek clarity, seek you, and understand you better. Open my mind, my heart, and my soul to what you want to show me. In God's holy name, we pray, amen.
3. Pick your Bible passage and do background research as needed. This can be done through Google or starting at the very beginning of a chapter if your picked passage is in the middle.
4. Read the passage, highlight, take notes, ask questions.
5. Follow up with peers, ask trusted friends, and continue to learn. Do not let your questions go unanswered! Every question is worth being asked; how else do you learn.
6. Close in prayer.

\*\* You can repeat this cycle and change it as you need to. The choice is entirely yours, as long as you do it!

### **Luke 15:11-32 - The Parable of the Prodigal Son (English Standard Version)**

<sup>11</sup>And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to[a] one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

<sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

What do you find important within this parable?

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What lessons can be learned from this parable? How can you apply this parable to your life?

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Questions?

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