

WELCOME TO THE “LOVE THIS BOOK” JOURNAL

You’ve probably heard it before - our church family is all about doing whatever it takes to help people meet, know, and follow Jesus. Jesus uses all kinds of life experiences and encounters to help us meet him but to have genuine faith in Christ, he must ultimately be at the center. This is the basis of Christianity.

The most simple, and yet a very powerful, way for that to happen is by examining scripture. Jesus made it clear that the place we all must come to, if we are going to truly meet, know, and follow him, is the Bible. It is there that we learn, experience, and come to see the truth about the true story of God.

That’s why, over the course of this year, we are taking a journey together through the entire scripture. This journal is designed to make the process smoother and even more compelling. Instead of struggling with where you are, what you’re supposed to be reading, or how to answer that question you’ve always had, you can use this journal to rest in what you’re reading and experiencing on any given day. With this journal you can:

- Keep track of what you’re reading on a week by week basis
- Begin reading with all your other church family friends at whatever week they are on (there is no “getting behind” this time. If you come upon this in May, or whenever, you can just start what that week).
- You can record your thoughts and questions, knowing there is the possibility of going back and finding them. You don’t have to hold it all in your head until you find your Life Group leader.
- You can focus on what you’re reading and think about it at any time.
- You can go back and look at what you were considering last week, or last month, and begin to see the pattern of what God is saying to you and working in you.

You see, far from another project or reversion to grade school English class, journaling is a freeing experience as well as a growing experience (that’s why they had us do it in the sixth grade!). Combined with Bible reading, a journal is a great deal more than a diary of daily happenings. It is a recording that can become a remembering of “the wonders he has done” (Psalm 105:5) – What God has done, and is doing, in you.

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