

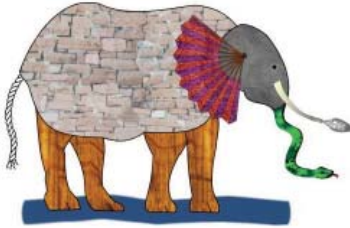
# Rough Draft

a middle school ministry newsletter



## How to Read the Bible?

Most of us are familiar with the story of the blind men and the elephant. A number of blind men approached an elephant and felt it's different parts. Each one felt something different - a rope, a wall, a tree trunk, a fan, a spear, and a snake, respectively. All had very different views as to what an elephant was like, although none of them had actually seen one.



Sometimes reading the Bible is just like that. We can get a part of the picture, but not the whole story. Each time we read Scripture we can get a better idea of what God is trying to tell us.

We can see Scripture from a variety of different perspectives: the type of literature that is written, the cultural significance behind the text, what the Tradition of the Church teaches regarding the passage, how the Holy Spirit is speaking to our hearts about the passage, and the context of the passage in the whole of Scripture. Each of these perspectives, and more, give us insight into the ultimate truth of the Bible.

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What do you find most helpful in discerning the meaning of the Bible?

Even when we don't have all the technical information about a specific passage in the Bible, how can reading it still help us grow closer to God?

## Up and Coming

- Our next session will be Monday, October 19th, from 6:30-8 pm in St. Joe's School Hall.
- We will be posting past copies of "Rough Draft" online. Anytime you miss a week, check for it to be posted.
- Save the Date! St. Joe's Octoberfest is Sunday, October 18th and the Youth Ministry program is in charge of games and we'll need both students and parents help! E-mail Matt if you're interested in signing up!
- Looking for the readings of the day? They are available at the [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) or on our prayer web site at [www.ypray.org](http://www.ypray.org).
- Check out our youth ministry web site at [www.sjsmym.org](http://www.sjsmym.org)



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