

Rough Draft

a middle school ministry newsletter



What is the Bible?

Tonight the students studied the question "What is the Bible?" We learned that Scripture is ultimately the Word of God which reveals who he is and the gradual unfolding of salvation history. It begins with Adam and Eve and cumulates in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.



We also learned that the Bible is a great tool for prayer and spiritual growth. The Bible grew out of oral tradition, which was eventually written down by authors inspired by the Holy Spirit. To understand the full meaning of the Bible, we rely on continued inspiration and the interpretation of the Church.

Still, God speaks intimately to each one of us through his Holy Word. In reading that word, or hearing it at Mass, we can come to a deeper understanding not only of who God is, but what he is saying to us, at this moment in life. Next week we will begin discussing how Catholics read the Bible and how each story in Scripture has multiple layers and meanings. All the same, everything in the Bible is woven together as one long story of God's relationship with his people.

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How does God speak through Scripture to you?

What is one thing you can do to better understand how God is speaking to you through his Holy Word?

Up and Coming

- Our next session will be Monday, October 12th, from 6:30-8 pm in St. Joe's School Hall.
- Our annual trip to Frightfest will be on October 9th. The registration deadline is October 6th. There are additional forms on our website.
- 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 or on our prayer web site at www.ypray.org.
- Check out our youth ministry web site at www.sjsmym.org



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