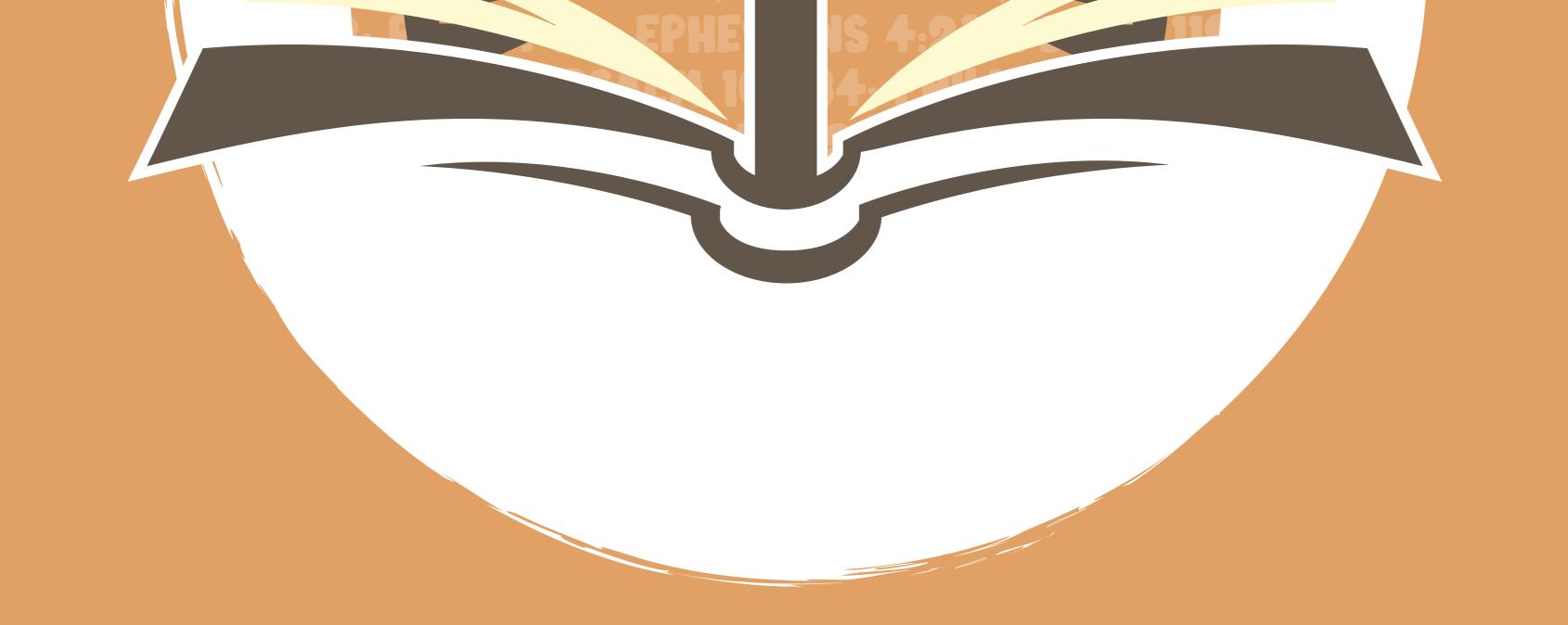
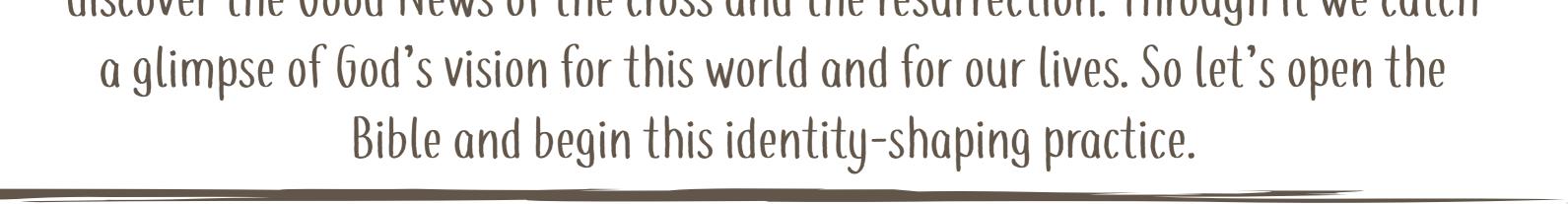
SCRIPTURE



In our time, God speaks through Scripture, Spirit, and Seasoned Voices. 'Scripture' is the term that we use to describe the God-inspired words found in the Bible. In describing the value of the Bible, the Apostle Paul says it is useful for 'teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness'. As a result, reading Scripture is central to the life and growth of Christ-followers. Through it we are exposed to the story of God and humanity. Through it we discover the Good News of the cross and the resurrection. Through it we catch



RADING WITH INTENT The purpose of reading the Bible is to open our hearts and minds to God's voice in our lives. As a result, we read the Bible differently than how we approach other readings: it is meant to shape us. One way to read the Bible for full impact is what we call the S.O.A.P. Method:

SCRIPTURE Slowly read through the passage of Scripture. Have a notebook on hand to record the things that jump out to you, both questions and observations. Underline or highlight particularly impactful passages.



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BSERVATION

Review the passages that you noted asking the question: What is God saying to me through this Scripture?

As part of observation consider:

• REWRITING A PASSAGE IN YOUR OWN WORDS

• SKETCHING AN IMAGE

• MEMORIZING A PARTICULAR VERSE

APPLICATION

Consider what the passage is calling you do to with these questions:

- HOW SHOULD THIS PASSAGE SHAPE YOUR LIFE?
- WHAT IS THE SPIRIT CALLING ME TO DO AS A RESULT OF WHAT I HAVE READ?

• WHAT WILL I DO TODAY BECAUSE OF THIS?

Be clear about how this applies to your life and share this with someone who Knows you well.

Talk over what you discovered with God. Thank Him for speaking to you through His Word. Journal this prayer at the bottom of your notebook.

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