

# Let's Discuss...The Bible

## PART 8 Spirit-Led Reading



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### Key Bible verses:

Parable of the Farmer  
Scattering Seed  
Matthew 13:1-23

*...he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.*

John 10:3c-5 ESV

*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

Romans 10:17 NASB

### EPISODE SUMMARY

Well done for making it to our final episode! We talk about what it looks like to invite the Spirit into our journey with the Bible and how there are so many ways that we can learn and use the Bible in our lives. We reflect on personal journeys of learning to tell the difference between the Holy Spirit and our own thoughts. It's encouraging to remember that God is not trying to hide from us, but He wants us to find Him.

### DEFINITIONS

**disciple:** a follower and student of Jesus

### LET'S DISCUSS...

- What different ways have you tried for studying the Bible? What has helped you the most?
- We discuss multiple ways to approach Scripture, and how some work better for different people or for different seasons of life. Here are some of the ones mentioned in the video:
  - » Hearing/listening to Scripture
  - » Read a Psalm a day
  - » Take a theological course
  - » Read a devotional
  - » Use a bible plan
  - » The **Bible** app has loads of topical Bible plans
  - » Search The **Bible** app or Google for plans to help you read the Bible in a year, or read it chronologically (in the order that the events happened historically)
  - » Pray the Scripture
  - » Do a search for Scriptures that relate to a topic you are thinking about (such as Mims's study on peace) and post them somewhere you can see often or memorise a few of them. They can be helpful like a toolbox... Have them handy when your heart needs them!
- What does it mean to you to "apply" Scripture to your life?
- Rocky mentions that you "can't escape the pattern and consistency required to be a learner". How often do you read your Bible? How does that line up with your goals? Is there anything that could motivate you to read the Bible more?
  - » For parallel insights on this, check out **Let's Discuss...Prayer PART 4\_Devotion vs Obligation**.
- Do you think you can tell the difference between the voice of the Spirit and your own thoughts? (Side note – are these always two different things?) If so, how do you experience them differently?

*We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in His love. God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them...Such love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid, it is for fear of punishment, and this shows that we have not fully experienced His perfect love.*

1 John 4:16 & 18 NLT

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Check out some of Mims' favorite Scriptures on peace:

*The Lord gives strength to His people;  
the Lord blesses His people with peace.*  
Psalm 29:11 NIV

*'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty.'*  
Haggai 2:9 NIV

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*  
John 14:27 NIV

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*  
Philippians 4:7 NIV

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.*  
Colossians 3:15 NIV

- » God is love, and so when we love, we are living in God. He lives in us too! With perfect love, there is no fear (see 1 John 4:18).
- » Even if it is to convict us of sin or to refine us in some way, the Holy Spirit does it in love. Think about how Mims mentions being "arrested" by a Scripture, but from a place of love: "Babes, you need to deal with this now...".
- » Consider Rocky's clarifying question when he's discerning if a thought is a golden thought (one from God): "Does this thought pull me towards sacrificial love for myself, others, and all creation?"

### LET'S PRAY...

*Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Matthew 7:7-8 NLT

- Meditate on the beautiful words of Jesus. He is welcoming you with open arms...Are you looking for Him? Do you want to know the voice of your Creator? Do you want to be a disciple of Jesus and to know Him better through the Bible? Ask for it!

### LET'S GO DEEPER...

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