

# A different kind of Bible study

Do you ever find scriptures confusing?

Do you wish you had more Bible study tools?

Has your understanding of the Bible changed over time?

In this 6-week study starting July 12, the group will choose a text to study. Each week Rev. Wendy Manuel will offer a different way to approach, examine and study the chosen text to invite and discover what it means to us right now. (**WARNING: there will be homework** 😊 )

## 1 Review The Disciples Approach and Other History



We will review an approach to Scriptures in the Disciples tradition. We will discuss our thoughts about how various cultures and denominations have understood the meaning of Scriptures. We will examine how the five *Solas* from the reformation have influenced understandings of Scriptures.

## 2 Lectio Divina



We will practice Lectio Divina. Traditionally, Lectio Divina has four separate steps: read; meditate; pray; contemplate. We will be very meditative this week and invite the Holy Spirit's guidance.

## 3 PaRDeS



PaRDeS is a type of biblical exegesis used in rabbinic Judaism that invites questioning of the text.

## 4 Translations and Context



A look at the original language of the text and issues of translation. We'll use the Blue Letter Bible to examine contextual meanings and other texts in which the words are used.

## 5 Lenses



What lens we are reading the scripture through? What lens are others using?

## 6 Reflection



Which approach did we enjoy? Which did we not like? Why? Did we learn anything new? How did this study relate to our DOC faith? Does meaning evolve over time?