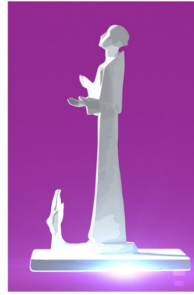


# EXPLORING THE BIBLE

a St Francis College short course



## Theme 6: How the Bible still matters

### 6c: What are some of the ways that the Bible functions in the lives and practices of Christians?

#### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Think of a time when the Bible came alive for you or for someone you know. Why did that happen?
2. What is the place of the Bible in your life? How does it make a difference?
3. Have you ever read the Bible in deliberately different ways?
4. Which reading techniques did you use, and what did you discover?
5. Find out more about the Bible reading practice called Lectio Divina here:

<https://www.anglicancommunion.org/media/253799/1-What-is-Lectio-Divina.pdf>

#### TRANSCRIPT

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The Bible is so inherent to what we do in church but it's also central to what we do at home, so the one feeds the other and that's really important. I love the way that members of my congregation prepare themselves for worship by reading the

Sunday readings, the night before. They then have those readings already in their hearts and minds when they come to worship, and after worship they can reflect perhaps on what has been said. Reflect on how those readings have been reflected in our prayers. So, there's a cohesion between their home practice and their practice of public worship.

The Bible is there to give inspiration from day to day and above all to connect with what's going on in our ordinary everyday lives. It's not just some dead text from 2000 years ago, it's about how God can speak to us in the interaction between the word on the page or proclaimed aloud in church and the word that God is speaking to my life today.

So, whether it's through a Bible study or through private practice like *Lectio Divina\**, the Bible nourishes and feeds Christians and enables them in the decisions that they take and the ways they live their everyday lives.