Questions of Faith

Discussion Questions

November 1, 2026

How Can We Experience God Through the Bible?

1. What impacted you most during our worship service together this past Sunday? How would you describe what you experienced? In what ways did you experience encouragement, and in what ways discomfort?

2. In the message on Sunday, we considered several approaches that might help us experience God through the Bible:

- Read it.
- Let it speak.
- Actively listen for the voice of God.
- Analyze it with curiosity and humility.
- Contemplate it with imaginative receptivity.
- Discuss it in community.
- Follow Jesus.

Discuss each one and how they could both challenge and encourage us in reading the Bible. What are some other ways we could experience God through Scripture?

3. Choose one of the passages below and study it:

- Matthew 8:23–27
- Mark 2:1–12
- Luke 15:11–32
- John 21:1–19

Discuss the following together:

- What stands out to you most immediately in the passage?
- What do you think is the intent of the author?
- How does this intended meaning apply to you and your life today?
- Is there any other meaning in the passage that may not have been intended but seems relevant to you now?
- What remains mysterious, confusing, or “un-understandable” in the passage?

4. After this discussion, share your experience of it and then spend some time praying for one another.

Practice for This Week: Experiencing God Through Scripture
Set aside some time this week to engage with a Scripture passage in one of the following ways:

- **Lectio Divina:** Refer to the prayer practice from Week 1 of this series, using a different Scripture from the list this time.

- **Ignatian reading of Scripture:** Refer to the prayer practice from Week 2 of this series, using a different Scripture from the list this time.

- **Study a passage of Scripture:** Use one of the passages that you didn't use in today's discussion above.