**Read Faithfully (To View the Bible Dynamically)**

*Small Group Questions:*

* How is the Bible more than a rule book?
* What does it mean to say the Bible is the “living Word of God”?
* How is readying/studying the Bible a regular practice for you?
* How does the Bible comfort you?
* How does the Bible unsettle you? What parts of the Bible do you wrestle with?
* How does the Bible invite you/us to live in the mystery of God?
* Why do you think reading and studying the Bible is an important Discipleship practice?
* John Wesley once preached (against a doctrine of predestination), “*…there are many Scriptures the true sense whereof neither you nor I shall know till death is swallowed up in victory. But this I know…. No Scripture can mean that God is not love, or that his mercy is not over all his works.” (Sermon-Free Grace)* What does this teach us about reading the Bible faithfully today?
* What do the life and teachings of Jesus teach about how to interpret Scripture?

*Spiritual Practices:*

* Make a list of seven Bible passages that are important to you.
* Choose one passage for each day of the week:
  + Each day, read the passage slowly.
  + Ask God to give you a word from the passage to focus on.
  + Sit for 5 minutes in silence, repeating the word as you slowly breathe in and out.
  + Write that word somewhere you will see it throughout the day.
  + Each evening, sit for five more minutes in silence, using the same practice as you that morning.