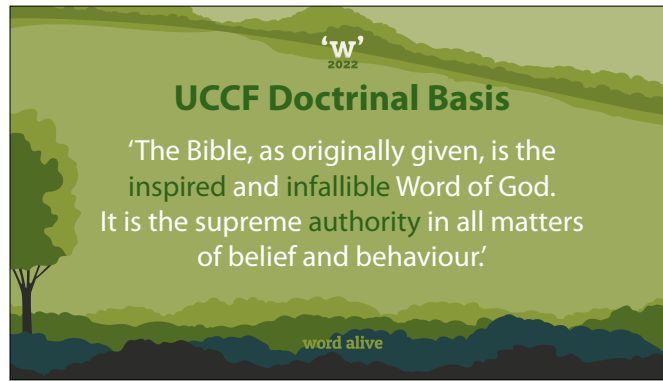


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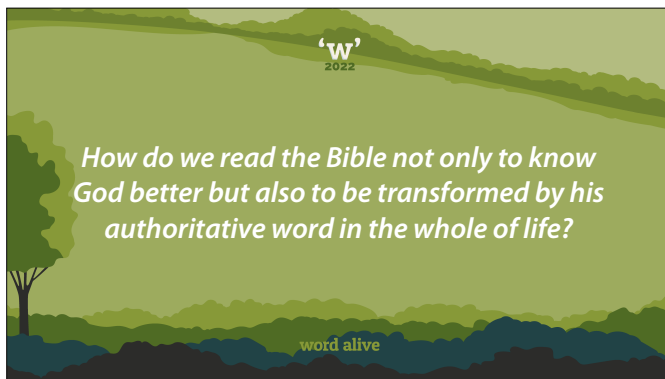
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Session #4

The Transformation the Bible Brings



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How do we read the Bible not only to know God better but also to be transformed by his authoritative word in the whole of life?

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Readers and Authority

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‘To speak about the authority of Scripture is really to say more about God, and about the ways he chooses to act and speak in the world, than it is to say something directly about Scripture itself. The authority of Scripture is dependent entirely on the authority of God, and comes about only because of what God has chosen to do in the way he authored Scripture, and because of what he continues to do in presenting himself to us through Scripture as the God we can know and trust.’

Timothy Ward, *Words of Life: Scripture as the Living and Active Word of God* (Nottingham: IVP, 2009), 130.

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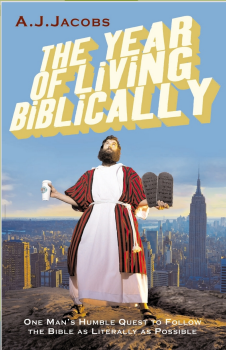
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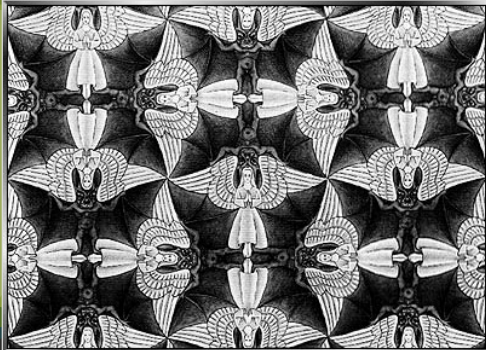

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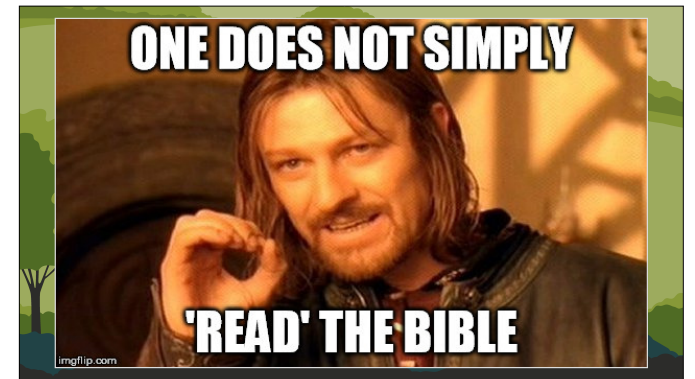
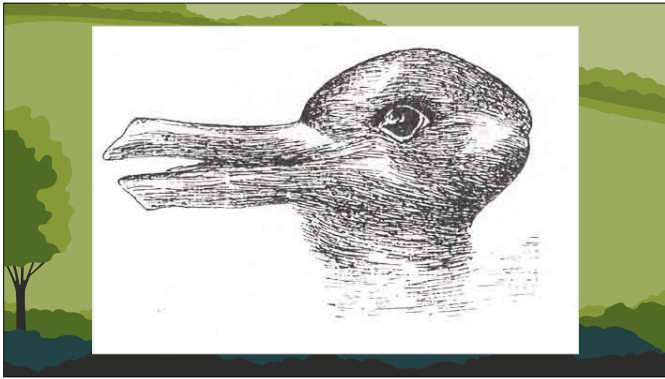


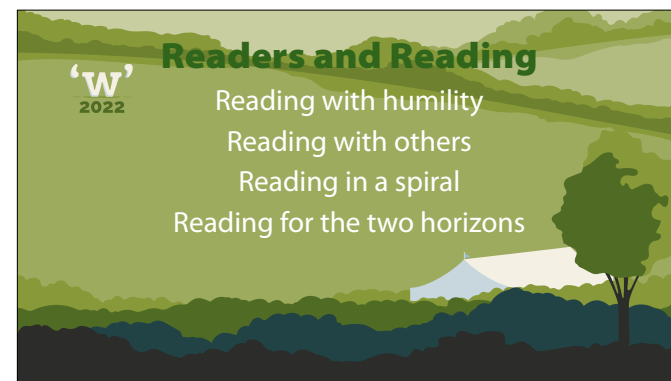
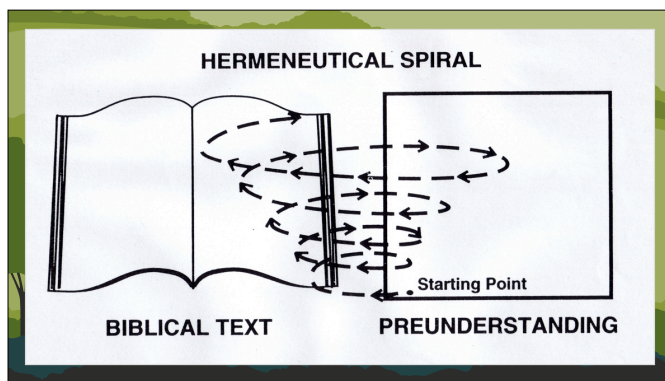
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THE YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY

ONE MAN'S HUMBLE QUEST TO FOLLOW THE BIBLE AS LITERALLY AS POSSIBLE







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The Two Horizons

Text Reader

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This slide features a landscape background with a tree on the left and rolling hills. At the top, it has the logo "'W' 2022". The title "The Two Horizons" is centered. Below the title is a Venn diagram consisting of two overlapping white circles. The left circle is labeled "Text" and the right circle is labeled "Reader". At the bottom, the text "word alive" is written in a small font.

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The Two Horizons

Text Reader

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The Two Horizons

John 2 Me/Us

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The Two Horizons

John 2 Me/Us

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Readers and Reading

- Reading with humility
- Reading with others
- Reading in a spiral
- Reading for the two horizons
- Reading as a progressive experience

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Readers and Reading

- Reading with humility
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- Reading ethically

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- Reading with humility
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Some Questions

- (a) What does this passage reveal about God/Jesus/the gospel?
- (b) How does this passage shape our understanding of what it means to be a disciple?
- (c) Given my current situation:
 - ❖ What sticks out from this passage?
 - ❖ What connects with my situation?
 - ❖ What challenges me?
 - ❖ What encourages me?
- (d) What would I want to pray as a result of reading this passage?
- (e) What might living out this passage look like for me?

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For Reflection

Which, if any, of our reflections on readers and reading sticks out as personally significant to you? Why?

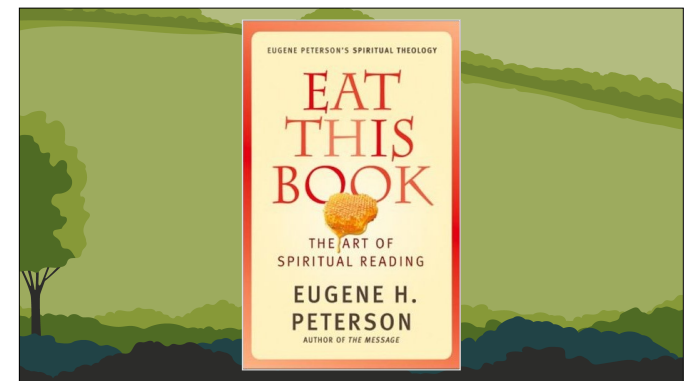
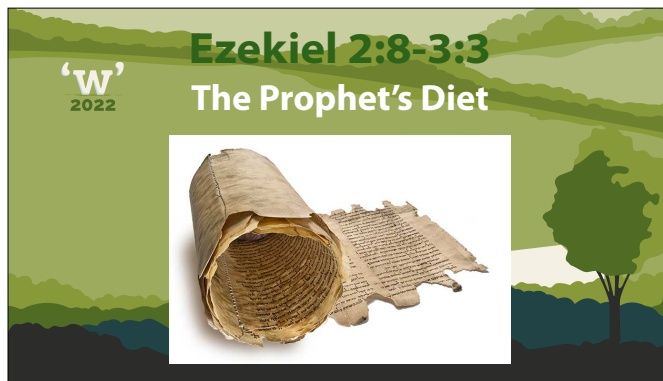
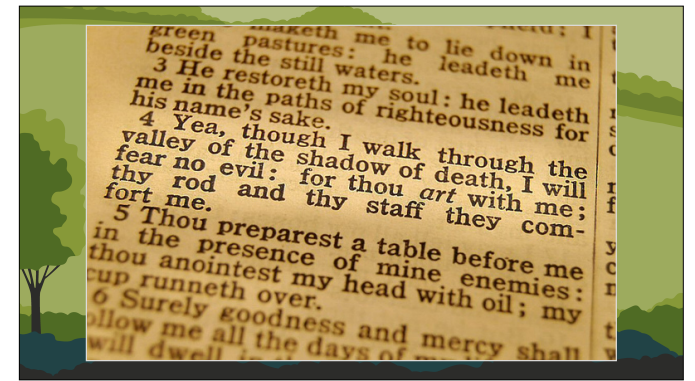
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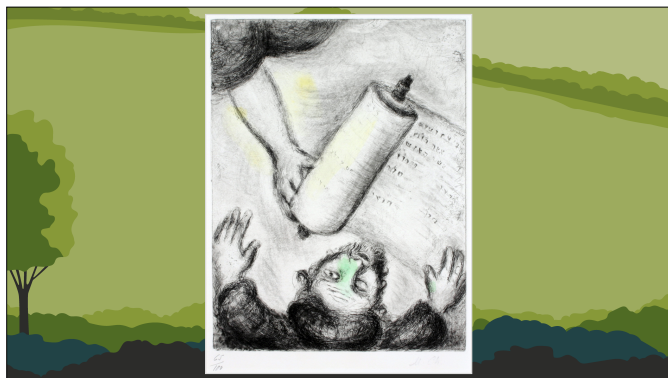
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Readers and Transformation

Daily Job Moods at Work

 Monday	 Tuesday	 Wednesday	 Thursday
 Friday	 Saturday	 Sunday	 Sunday Night...





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A landscape illustration featuring a white tent pitched on a dark green hillside. A single tree stands to the right of the tent. The background consists of rolling green hills under a light sky. The entire scene is framed by a dark green border.