

## Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning.

Michael Williams - *How To Read The Bible Through The Jesus Lens: A Guide To Christ-Focused Reading Of Scripture* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")

Janet & Geoff Bengé - *Brother Andrew: God's Secret Agent*

Dan Kopp - *A Brother Who Smuggled a Book* (blog) available at [dankopp.wordpress.com](http://dankopp.wordpress.com)

Bill Hybels- *Making Life Work*

Dan Kopp - Bible Reading Plan

\*\*\*Pick up your FREE copy at the Info Table in the lobby\*\*\*

Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart - *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*

Joshua Kang - *Scripture by Heart: Devotional Practices for Memorizing God's Word*

## Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

### Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

### CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

### Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

### Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

**Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!**

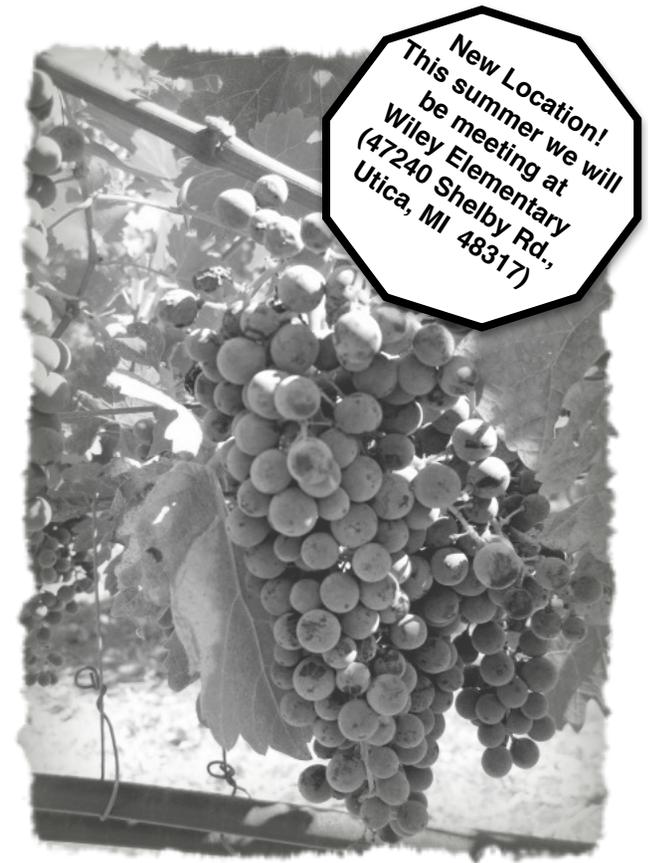
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New Location!  
This summer we will  
be meeting at  
Wiley Elementary  
(47240 Shelby Rd.,  
Utica, MI 48317)

## THE BOOK... and Other Books

July 30, 2017

Week 9 of series: Acts 29

**We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.**

# THE BOOK... and Other Books

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

## Digging Deeper Questions

*In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.*

1. Icebreaker: Think back to when you were growing up. Did you have a "family Bible"? If yes, where was it kept in your house? How often did your family read the Bible (either as individuals or as an entire family reading it out loud together)? What were some of your favorite Bible stories as a kid?
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "aha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Acts 2:42. This passage describes how people in the early church were devoted to 4 things: the apostles' teaching (i.e., the Bible), fellowship, the breaking of bread (i.e., communion), and prayer. Which of the 4 would you say you are most passionate about on your spiritual journey? Least passionate? Explain.
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. One of the core values at our church is: The Bible is our Book. Here is how we define that phrase: "The sole basis of our belief is the Bible. We believe the Bible (both the Old and New Testaments) is the Word of God, written by men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write down exactly what God wanted to communicate to us. The Bible is the unique, full, and final authority on all matters of faith and practice and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God. We value the Bible not just as a record of God's involvement 'back then' but as a holy gift that speaks to us today." What are your thoughts on this core value? As you read the above paragraph, which portions of it impacted you the most?
5. Read Joshua 1:8 and Psalm 119:103. In the biography *Brother Andrew: God's Secret Agent* it describes his efforts on getting Bibles to underground churches in China where they "were in such short supply that a Bible would be cut apart and sections of it handed around so that people could memorize it." Imagine only having one page of God's Word in your possession and treasuring it to that degree! Why don't you think the typical Christian in America has this level of devotion to the Bible?
6. Who are some of your favorite Christian authors? Share their names with the group as well as why you enjoy reading their books.
7. Read 1 Corinthians 13:7. In commenting on this verse Bible scholar Leon Morris write, 'To "believe all things" means to see the best in others. This does not mean that love is gullible, but that it does not think the worst (as is the way of the world). It retains its faith. Love is not deceived but it is always ready to give the benefit of the doubt.' What is one practical thing you can begin to do this week to live out Morris' perspective?

### Key Passage:

*Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures. - Luke 24:27 (NASB)*