

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

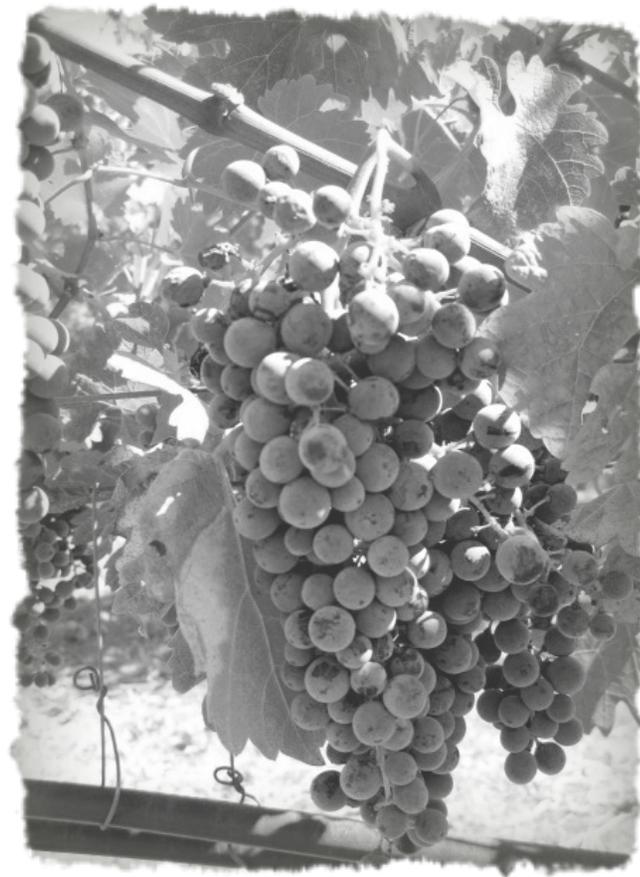
includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

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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What Were You Expecting?

February 11, 2018

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.

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(Tony DiRienzo - guest teacher and core team member
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 - Describe an activity you participated in that exceeded your expectations. You might describe a movie, a get together with someone, a meeting at work, a vacation, or something else altogether. Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Genesis 28:16. When you go to church on Sundays, what are your expectations of what will happen or what you will experience? In other words, do you expect to sing a few songs, hear a good sermon, chat with friends, and enjoy some tasty treats at the Eastside Cafe? In addition to all of the above (which are all good things!), do you also expect to encounter God and experience His goodness? Explain your response.
4. Think back to the past several times you have attended a service at The Eastside Vineyard Church. When you come up to receive Communion, what have you typically been thinking about? What have been your expectations of what will happen or what you will experience? Be honest!
5. Read Mark 4:35-41. In the beginning of this story, Jesus said that they were going to get to the other side, so the disciples should have expected that to happen. And it probably was their expectation until the storm came—and then they expected to die! How do your expectations of God and what He will do change (either for better or worse) when storms hit you in life? Give a recent example.
6. Read 2 Kings 4:1-7. Imagine you are the widow in the story. When you pour oil out of one jar into another, you expect the first jar to empty as the second one fills, right? That would be a normal expectation. But God doesn't work in normal ways! What would it look like in your life if your "new normal" was expecting that God was going to show up, that He was going to come through, and that He was going to be faithful?
7. A Key Thought shared in Sunday's sermon was this: when we start with the knowledge that God is good, then we can believe that He is working for our good. When we know that God is good, even if we don't know exactly what to expect, we can still expect that what he gives us will be good. What are your thoughts on this perspective?

Action Step: Our all-church small group study begins next week! Please join a small group for these next six weeks. See Page 2 of *The Eastsider* newsletter for a list of groups you could join, or e-mail Ann Beyerlein at annbeyer@aol.com and she will help you get connected with a group.

Key Passage:

"Your servant has nothing there at all," she said, "except a small jar of olive oil." Elisha said, "Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don't ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side." She left him and shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her... - 2 Kings 4:2-5 (NIV)