

Making the Bible Come Alive Through Liturgical Bible Study

Matthew 4:4

“One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God”




OBJECTIVE OF LBS



To prepare ourselves for the Holy Mass on Sundays.



To be more intimate with the Word of God.

A person with short dark hair, wearing a grey and black striped sweater, is seen from behind, looking at a wall covered in various papers, diagrams, and photos. The papers include hand-drawn diagrams, text notes, and images. The scene is brightly lit, and the overall atmosphere is one of active learning or research.

Bible Sharing Vs. Study

BIBLE SHARING EXPERIENCE



- More word of man rather Word of God
- Recycled sharing, no fresh encounter with the Word
- Diffuse participation
- Difficult to do in the context of family

BIBLE STUDY EXPERIENCE

- Formal and very scholarly
- Lectures
- Dependent on priests/experts
- Genesis to Revelation



Liturgical Bible Study

is the middle ground between bible sharing and study



LBS METHODOLOGY



LBS STRUCTURE

- Opening Prayer
- Exploration

9 ^aBecause of his strength I will give heed unto thee; For God is my high tower, My God with his lovingkindness will meet me: God will let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips, Let them even be taken in their pride, And for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they shall be no more: And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, Unto the ends of the earth.

14 And at evening let them return, let them howl like a dog, And so round about the city.

15 They shall wander up and down for food, And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy strength; Yea, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the morning: For thou hast been my high tower, And a refuge in the day of my distress.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises: For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help.

For the Chief Musician; set to Shushan Eduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aramzobah, and Jash returned and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

60 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down; Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

⁴ Acc. to Sept. and Vulg., My strength ⁵ Or, them that lie in wait for me. ⁶ Or, Make them wander to and fro. ⁷ That is, The lity of testimony

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it: Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things: Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, That it may be displayed because of the truth. [Sé lah]

5 That thy beloved may be delivered, Save with thy right hand, and answer us.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will divide Shē'chem, and mete out the valley of Succōth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Mā-nās'sēh is mine; Ephraim also is the defence of my head; Judah is my sceptre.

8 Meab is my washpot: Upon E'dom will I cast my shoe: Philistia, shout thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city? Who hath led me unto E'dom? Hast not thou, O God, cast us off? And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

11 Give us help against the adversary; For vain is the help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly; For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Confidence in God's Protection.

For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument. A Psalm of David.

61 Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed:

¹ Another reading is, me. ² Or, lawgiver. ³ Or, Unto. ⁴ Or, Who will lead me &c. ⁵ Or, Will not thou, O God, who hast cast us off, and goest. ⁶ Or, hosts? ⁷ Heb. salvation. ⁸ Or, fainteth.

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

3 For thou hast been a refuge for me.

4 A strong tower from the enemy.

5 I will dwell in thy tabernacle for ever: I will take refuge in the covert of thy wings. [Sé lah]

6 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

7 Thou wilt prolong the king's life: His years shall be as many generations.

8 He shall abide before God for ever: Oh prepare lovingkindness and truth, that they may preserve him.

9 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever. That I may daily perform my vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression.

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 My soul waiteth in silence for God only: From him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation:

He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.

3 How long will ye set upon a man, That ye may slay him, all of you.

4 Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence? They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity: They delight in lies;

They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly. [Sé lah]

5 My soul, wait thou in silence for God only:

For my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:

⁸ Or, a rock that is too high for me. ⁹ Heb. tent. ¹⁰ Or, given a heritage unto those &c. ¹¹ Heb. is silent unto God. ¹² Or, as otherwise read, Ye shall be slain &c. ¹³ Heb. be thou silent unto God.

EXPLORATION

GOSPEL

Read the text
Exploration
Summarization

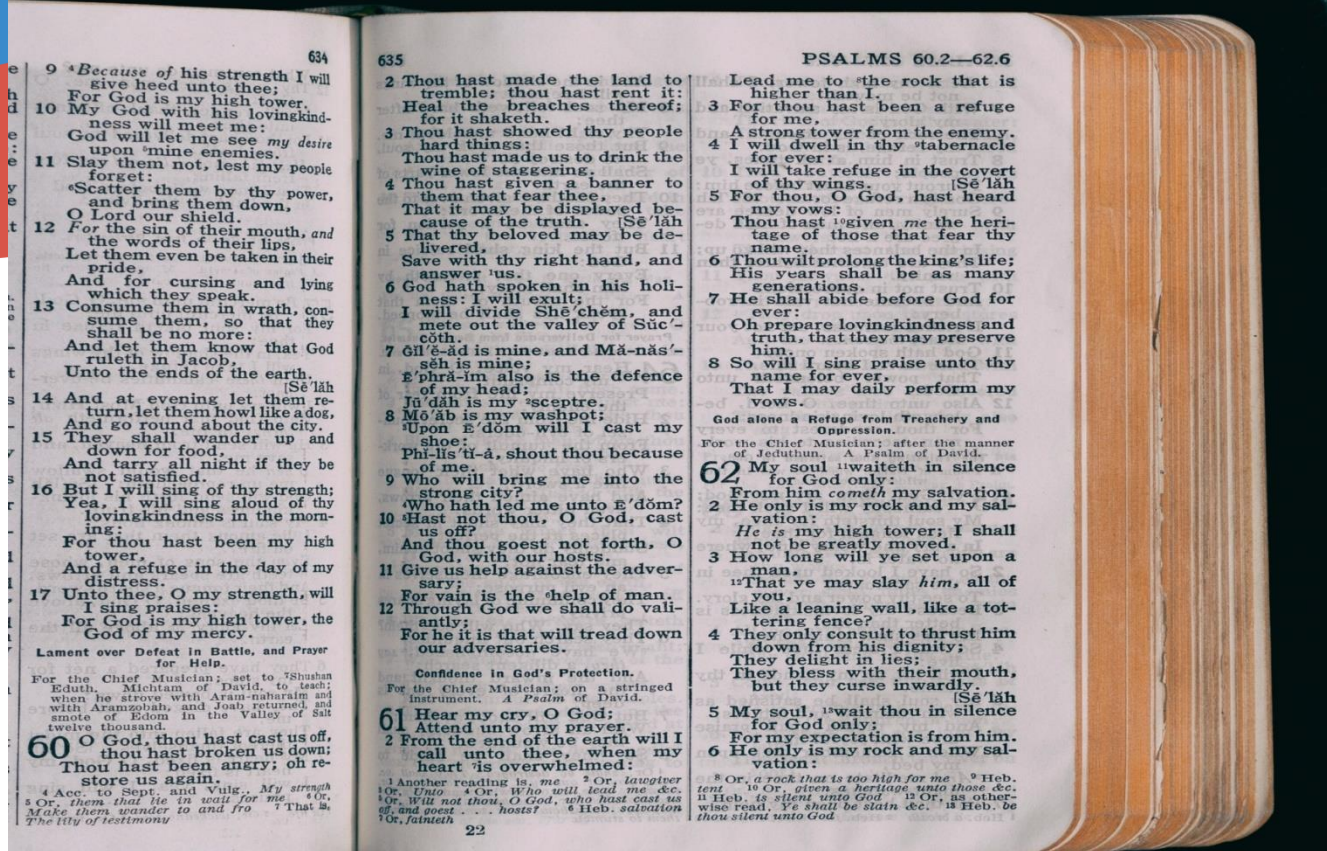
1ST READING

Read the text
Exploration
Highlight Themes
Connections (2)

2ND READING

Read the text
Exploration
Highlight
Themes
Connection (3)





LBS STRUCTURE

- Opening Prayer
- Exploration
- Thread
- Reflection Question
- LTW Challenge
- Sharing (Optional)
- Closing Prayer

LITURGICAL BIBLE STUDY

- **GOSPEL:** John 20: 19-23
- **1ST READING:** Acts 2: 1-11
- **2ND READING:** 1 Corinthians
12: 3b-7, 12-13

