



**REVIEW**

**WATCH NO VIDEO THIS WEEK**

**READ** This is Holy Week, so our focus will be on the cross for much of the week. Given that this is the case, read your favorite passage from the life of Jesus. **Share why it's significant to you.**

**ASK:**

- **What stands out to you most this year as we've walked through Jesus' life?**
- **What has surprised you the most?**
- **What about the gospel has become beautiful and believable?**
- **Where has your relationship with Christ deepened?**

**PREVIEW** Next week we will look at some of Jesus' final words to his disciples. This is a good one to use Lectio Visio on especially because of the imagery.

**READ**

Read Jesus' words on the cross (Luke 23:34-46; John 19:26-30; Matthew 27:46).

**Which stands out to you the most? Why?**

- "Father forgive them..." (Luke 23:34)
- "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise..." (Luke 23:43)
- "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46)
- "I thirst" (John 19:28)
- "It is finished" (John 19:30)
- "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)

**PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE VULNERABLE**

*"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." –Micah 6:8*

As a church, we want to be intentional about acting justly, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. As a first step, The Protect Team will provide monthly prayer guides based on Psalm 147.

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| 7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed ( <b>Nov</b> ) | the Lord loves the righteous. ( <b>Apr</b> )         |
| and gives food to the hungry. ( <b>Dec</b> )           | 9 The Lord watches over the foreigner ( <b>May</b> ) |
| The Lord sets prisoners free, ( <b>Jan</b> )           | and sustains the fatherless                          |
| 8 the Lord gives sight to the blind, ( <b>Feb</b> )    | and the widow, ( <b>June</b> )                       |
| the Lord lifts up                                      | but he frustrates                                    |
| those who are bowed down, ( <b>Mar</b> )               | the ways of the wicked. ( <b>July</b> )              |

**"... The Lord watches over the Foreigner..." Psalm 147:9 (April)**

**THINK**

*"Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt." –Exodus 23:9*

**Discuss:** From the two passages above what is God's heart toward the foreigner? How does he want the Israelites to respond?

*"...I was a stranger and you invited me in (Jesus)." Matthew 25:35.*

*"Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers for by doing that some have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it." –Hebrews 13:1-2*

*Discuss: How am I currently showing hospitality to strangers? If you're not currently, what might it look like for you to begin doing so?*

*"... live out your time as foreigners here with reverent fear." –1 Peter 1:17*

*Discuss: This passage shows all believers are strangers on earth. What does it look like to live as a stranger in the world?*

## **DO**

*On a global scale, refugees are individuals who have left their country to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster; watch a Refugee story or read their stories.*

*At your local level, is there a way you can show radically ordinary hospitality to someone this summer?*

*Check out the book: Gospel Comes with a House Key, or watch this short video.*

*Purchase refugee made items from Treetops Collective or Preemptive love.*

## **PRAY**

*Adore: God we praise you for being the ultimate one who "watches over the Foreigner."*

*Confess: We confess our lack of empathy or time in welcoming strangers and foreigners into our lives.*

*Ask: Remind us we are foreigners in this world and give us a heart of hospitality toward the stranger and may you surprise us with the angels we entertain because we followed you.*

*References: What does the bible say about refugees? <https://www.worldvision.org/refugees-news-stories/what-does-bible-say-about-refugees>*

# LECTIO VISIO

Christians believe in God's Word and take him at his Word. Yet 21st century Christians have a difficult time seeing God's Word the same way God's people have for centuries: **visually**. That's what this method of Scripture reading is designed to do: help you see the text.

## 3 INGREDIENTS

3 candles, or a 3 wick candle

1 Passage (preferably narrative, 5-10 verses)

12 or fewer people (Christians or non-Christians)

## 10 COMMANDMENTS OF LECTIO VISIO

1. No prep! (Lead by asking)
2. Pray simple prayers (tsp prayers: Thank you, Sorry, Please)
3. Shut your Bibles (yup, you read that correctly. Don't worry.)
4. Open your eyes (senses) and picture the scene. Try to get down in the dust of the story.
5. Direct the Film (you as the leader help the biblical scene come alive for those you're studying with)
6. No peeking ahead (1 verse at a time)
7. No rabbit trails (stick to what the text says, not "I feels")
8. Keep telling the story (instead of explaining, WONDER)
9. Keep silence
10. Lead by asking the 5Qs
11. Repeat #2 TSP.

## THE 5 QUESTIONS

1. What did it say?
2. What do you see?
3. What happens next? (Guess)
4. What do you hear? (Then/Now)
5. What do you want to do?

## A COUPLE EXTRA TIPS FOR LEADERS

**Mirror the group.** Repeat back what is said and direct them back to the story if things get off track.

**Lead Strong.** God is actually the one leading the discussion by his Word. Take courage. Have fun. Encourage a bit of playfulness.

**Take Notes Here (how did it go? what applications did people give that you can follow up on next week?)**