

REVIEW

A few key quotes and ideas to reflect on:

- **Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6** and then look at the chart below:

	OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
Where	Stone	Heart
With	Ink	God's Spirit
Style	Letter - Rules (that point to our need for a Redeemer)	Spirit - Values (that come from our Redeemer)
Consequence	Death	Life

- **Read 2 Corinthians 3:7-11** and then look at the chart below:

	OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
Environment	Glory	More Glorious
Brings	Condemnation	Righteousness
Duration	Transitory	Continues (Forever!)

- **Read 2 Corinthians 3:12-17** and then look at the chart below:

	OLD COVENANT	NEW COVENANT
Communication	Veiled	Candid
Understanding	Dull	Free

ASK:

- **Now ask just a few simple questions:**

- **Read 3:1-6 again.** What has God been writing on your heart? How is it helping you experience real life ("resurrection life" where you are actually desiring to obey God's law)?
- **Read 3:7-11 again.** How does it shape your thinking knowing that in Christ you actually have God's righteousness assigned to you? (Does this not blow your mind?)
- **Read 3:18** In what ways can you see God producing an ongoing transformation of heart in you?
- **Look at the chart below.** What about God's character captivates you? What needs to captivate you more?

God's Greatness	Omnipresent (Psalm 139:7-8), Omnipotent (Psalm 62:11), Omniscient (Romans 11:33-34)
God's Goodness	Holy (Isaiah 6:1-5), Just (Psalm 11:7), Love (1 John 4:8-10), True (Romans 3:3-4)
God's Gloriousness	Immutable (James 1:17), Independent (Romans 11:35-36), Infallible (Zephaniah 3:5), Infinite (Job 11:7-9), Invisible (John 4:24)

PREVIEW Next week we will be in 2 Corinthians 4:15:10. Spend some time reading this together.

Read your selected passage out loud (if studying in a group, all but one person should keep their Bibles closed for now). **Read slowly.** Line by line if you can. **Read as if for the first time.**

ASK (a guide for this is on the next page)

- **What does it say?** (“Don’t be showy....don’t be wordy”)
- **What do you see?** (picture the scene, the people. What stands out?)
- **What happens next?** Guess! (say, “I wonder...)
- **What do you hear?** (What word comes to mind after reading? Spend some time in silent prayer before answering. *Why do you think God included this here in the Story?*).
- **What do you want to do?** (as a result of what Jesus has done)

PRAY TOGETHER

Worship God for who He is (His attributes revealed in these passages)

Confess the sinful emotions, attitudes, and behaviors that result when we forget who He is

Thank God for what He has done in Christ and your life

Ask God to transform you and to help you apply His word today.

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.