

Traveling the Way of Love

Season 2



Episode 6: LEARN

Reflect on Scripture daily, especially on Jesus' life and teachings.

"Those love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and will come to them and make our home with them." - John 14:23

By reading and reflecting on Scripture, especially the life and teachings of Jesus, we draw near to God, and God's word dwells in us. When we open our minds and hearts to Scripture, we learn to see God's story and God's activity in everyday life.

1. In this episode, host Chris Sikkema visits a group of youth in the Convocation of the Episcopal Church in Europe that includes Aija Rios and Bishop Mark Edington. Bishop Edington remarks on the reality that there is no social reward for being a Christian in Europe. Yet, the youth of the Convocation continue to show up for each other, forming community, praying, and studying Scripture together. What does their witness stir in you? How are you inspired or encouraged by their dedication?
2. While chatting with Chris, Aija shares about a weekly gathering at her home parish called "Wednesdays Within the Walls," which includes Taizé music, a meal, and reading Scripture together, followed by a conversation about the Scripture. From her story, it is clear that people of all ages and walks of life are a part of this weekly community and that all voices are listened to, and that this opportunity to reflect on Scripture within a large group has impacted her life. How could you--or your community of faith--be more intentional about hosting time for reading and reflecting on Scripture apart from Sunday mornings and across demographics such as age and stage of life? What might that look like?
3. In this episode, Chris Sikkema states that it is very hard to be a Christian alone. Perhaps this is because we are not meant to do it alone. From the beginning, the Christian life has been one rooted in community. In our baptismal covenant, we even promise to "continue in the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, and the breaking of the bread."

This includes how we approach studying and reflecting on Scripture. Take a moment and think back on when your mind and heart have been opened to Scripture in the

midst of a Bible study or community reflection. How did you learn to see God's story and God's activity in everyday life from that experience?