

YOBL

Year of Biblical Literacy

Week 52: Reflections on YOBL

Daily Reading for Week

- Revelation 17-18, Psalm 46
- Revelation 19-20, Psalm 47
- Revelation 21-22, Psalm 48

Focus of time together

To reflect on our year-long journey together through the Year of Biblical Literacy and to take an honest examination of the joys and difficulties of this year-long endeavour.

Opening Prayer

Intro to Discussion

We made it! Congratulations!

For the past year, we have spent time hearing, reading, exploring, and learning about the story of God that the Bible tells.

Together, we have discussed, reasoned, learned, and opened our hearts to God and one another. Its unlikely it went perfectly for any of us, but hopefully this practice of opening our hearts and minds to the Holy Spirit as we read the Scriptures and met together has formed us in new and profound ways.

This final week, we will look back on our journey together. God constantly exhorted Israel to remember their own journey, history, and story. Similarly, we too want to reflect on the common memory we have built together over this year.

We want to look at the different ways we have experienced, responded to, and related to this Year of Biblical Literacy journey as a whole and to remind us of the ways Jesus has been with us throughout

Whole Group Discussion

Questions for Practicing Community

These exercises/questions are to help us reflect thoughtfully on our felt experiences together as community and provides opportunities to build on it further.

As our Year of Biblical Literacy ends, we want to take the time to reflect on what we learned, how God has been present with us, the things we loved, and didn't love about our year-long journey.

Setup (5 mins)

Write one of the following questions at the top of each of the four poster boards/pieces of paper and tape them up/lay them, out around the room.

- What happened because of or during YOBL that you would like to celebrate or express gratitude to God and your community for?
- What was difficult, confusing, frustrating, or unhelpful about the Year of Biblical Literacy?
- What was one way you remember God significantly meeting you during the year?
- What was one passage, book, character, or story from the Scriptures you learned something new about this year? What did you learn?

Grab some post it notes and pens.

Reflect (25 mins)

Take the next 25 minutes to think back on the year and answer the four questions on the posters. Write your answers on the Post-Its provided and post them on the appropriate posters.

You can post multiple things on each poster if you have multiple answers to a question.

Share (25 mins)

After everyone has been given adequate time to reflect and post what came to mind, take each poster down and read each post-it aloud to one another. After all the content on a poster has been read, ask and answer the following question as a group:

Were there any themes or commonalities that you noticed?

Closing Prayer

Thank God for everything he has done this year. Offer to God all that was written and shared during your time and anything that the Year of Biblical Literacy brought up in you and your community during this time.

Read Revelation 22:16-17, 20 to close your time of prayer.