

CBSM Year A: Created for Covenant Summer Reading Discussion Questions



The Bible Compass by Edward Sri

This book provides an overview to the Bible and how we approach it as Catholics. Dr. Sri's "five keys" will help us get on the same page for reading Scripture and how we approach it in the Catholic Biblical School of Michigan.

Please answer the following questions and bring them with you to your Opening Day event. Your instructor may wish to collect your answers, so be prepared to turn them in the first day you meet at your parish location that following week.

General

First – Introduce yourselves by name and answer:

1. What led you to the Catholic Biblical School? What are your expectations for the coming year?
2. What is your past experience, if any, with reading and/or studying the Bible? (How have you done it, what helped you, what was difficult, etc.)

Regarding *The Bible Compass*:

3. What does it mean to say Scripture is inspired? What was the role of human authors in writing Scripture? (Chapter 1)
4. Briefly state what, why, and how God reveals Himself. How do Scripture, Tradition, and the Magisterium work as "three legs of a tripod" in allowing us to know and understand God's revelation? (Chapter 2)
5. Dr. Sri describes five keys for interpreting Scripture. Which of these, if any, do you find easiest or hardest when you think about studying the Bible and why? (Chapter 3-7)
6. You read quite a bit in *The Bible Compass* about the best way to study and interpret Scripture from an intellectual perspective. Yet, Dr. Sri explains this is not enough. Why does prayer play an important role in studying the Scriptures? (See chapter 14)
7. Think of someone you know (it may be you!) who does not know much about the Bible. What 2 or 3 things did you find in *The Bible Compass* that would help that person better understand what the Lord is saying through Scripture?