



river west church

River West Daily Word

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

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Treasuring Scripture Together as a Community

This year, as a community, we are going to be reading through the whole Bible together. Now, for some folks, we know that this sounds like an insurmountable task. Let's face it. Most people are intimidated, overwhelmed or simply uninterested in the idea cracking open scripture each day. That's why we've created a unique Bible reading plan called the River West Daily Word. We've built days off into this reading plan where you can catch up on missed readings and reflect on the things you've read. We've designed an online forum on my.riverwest.org where you can ask questions, post thoughts and access a calendar with the daily readings. We've built tools and resources to help you get the most out of the Bible? We've done all of this because, as a community of Christ, *we treasure the gift of God's Word*, and we want you to appreciate and experience this treasure as well!

Mining the Riches of God's Word

To help you mine the most out of God's Word this year we need wisdom on how to handle scripture. Thankfully, the greatest wisdom on how to read the Bible is not found in a book *about the Bible*—it's actually found in the Bible itself. God wants us to appreciate and experience the riches of His written Word for ourselves. So, in a passage from the book of Deuteronomy, He tells us how to do this:

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." (Deut 6:4-9)

Practical Wisdom for Bible Reading:

1. The Bible is meant to be read with "*all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might*" (v5).
2. The Bible is meant to be read, discussed and lived out in community (v 7).
3. The Bible is meant to spill into every facet of our everyday lives (v 7).
4. The Bible is meant to summon us each day to Jesus (v 9; John 5:39-40).