

SCRIPTURE · READING SCRIPTURE THE ANGLICAN WAY

The Old Testament as Christian Scripture

Catechesis Track, Lesson 3 · About 30 min

Why the Old Testament is not optional for Christians, and how the early Church read it as its own Bible before a New Testament even existed.

The Bible of the apostles

When Paul says 'all Scripture is God-breathed,' he means the Hebrew Scriptures. The New Testament writers assume their readers already have a Bible; they are showing how Jesus fulfills it, not replacing it.

READ THE SCRIPTURES

Romans 15:4 | 2 Timothy 3:15

FROM THE PRAYER BOOK

Collect for Proper 28

“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them.”

FOR A PARISH SMALL GROUP: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think the Old Testament gets skipped so often in church life?
2. What would change if we read it the way the apostles did?