

### How do you describe your devotional time?

- In morning with *Meditations*, reading a portion of the Bible, or with a podcast
  - “Early morning. I start my day in the Word. It grounds me for the day.”
- When they can fit it into their schedule within their day using multiple different resources
  - “I love hearing the different ideas of devotion. Sometimes I only get 5 minutes in the car, other times I get 30 minutes on my porch.”
  - “Set time aside, doesn’t matter how long. Find what works for you and your life style.”
- Group Bible study times with other women at multiple different points in the week
- Reading devotions with other family members mostly during the morning or evenings
  - “The pattern my husband and I find works for us best is to read the Bible, book by book and supplement with the “Two Steps Forward” podcast by Pastor James Hein and his wife, Ade, where they discuss each chapter, and James gives insight as to its daily application. Twice a week, we listen to one of his sermons from the archives at St. Marcus Church in Milwaukee sermons. We really enjoy his insights.”
- “Finding what does work” for their devotional time as seasons of life change
  - “I love my prayer journal and looking back to see how God has answered my prayers over time!”

### What are you using for your devotional life?

- Time of Grace podcast
- *Meditations*
- Little Things
- Women’s Bible study and other Christian women to discuss the Bible with
  - “Having a group of Christian friends to listen and discuss and encourage—it’s absolutely incredible support when you didn’t even know you’ve been missing it”
- Women’s Bible study via Zoom
- Sharing their faith with others helps grow your own devotional life
  - “We need to share God’s Word with all people...we grow by sharing our faith with others.”
- Christian music
- [1517.org](http://1517.org)

### **Any tips or tricks for studying God's Word?**

- Reading the Bible in a Year or 3 Years
  - "Wels app has a 3-year reading plan that is helpful and can be read on your phone any moment you have"
- Writing down favorite verses, journaling, or taking notes while reading the Bible helps you to remember what you read
- Taking sermon notes
- Using the People's Bible or just simply taking the time to meditate on what is happening in the verses you read
- ITCP - Instruction: What is God teaching me in this passage? Thanksgiving: For what am I being called to be thankful? Confession: What is God asking me to confess about my own shortcomings or sin? Prayer: What is God prompting me to pray for?
- SOAP Method
  - "SOAP Journaling was introduced to me during a Women's Bible retreat. Choose a Scripture verse—Observation: what is the context, who wrote it, etc.—Application—Prayer"

### **What does your devotional life look like on vacation?**

- Visiting other WELS churches when traveling
- Take pictures of your current devotion for easy transport
  - "I also take pictures of my devotions for vacations and just take a thin notebook to take notes. *Meditations* is great too for vacations."
- WELS or ELS Daily Devotions—including the podcast
- Take the Bible with you if you are able!
  - "Take Bible along and do it after breakfast when I can"
- *Meditations* app
- Listening to Time of Grace
- Take time to enjoy God's beautiful creation
  - "Always listen to my Bible app. Take time to bask in God's beautiful creation—just visited Badlands/Colorado"
- Join family member's devotions if you are visiting them
- WELS daily e-mails