

Read/Observe

Mon	Proverbs 9:10-12	In the Bible fearing means to follow. How have you seen wisdom grow as you follow God's will?
Tue	1 Kings 3:5-10	How might this passage give us a criteria for leadership in ourselves and in others?
Wed	John 20:19-29	The disciples believe in the resurrection because they experience Jesus. How have your experiences of God shaped your beliefs?
Thr	1 Corinthians 1:10-17	Who do we "beking" to by default?
Fri	1 Peter 3:8-16	How is your life living into Peter's list here?
Sat	Make a list of the attributes of Jesus. Next to each one, consider ways your life reflects and contrasts with that attribute. Spend time in prayer contemplating how God can work on your list. .	

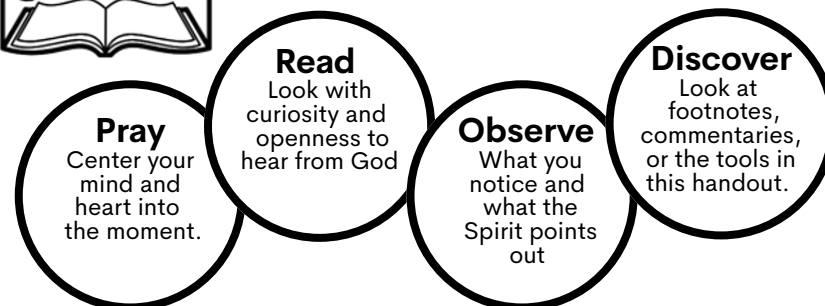
Prayers/Notes

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Altogether Mind



Intro

"We recognize the Great Commandment as the fullness of God's love with one's heart, soul, mind, and strength. This is most evident in Mark's gospel, which contains all four capacities (Mark 12:30). However, it is interesting that in Deuteronomy, on which Jesus based this commandment, the word "mind" is omitted in most translations (Deut. 6:5). It is possible that the gospel writers, speaking to a first century Greco-Roman world, added the category of "mind" because of the Greek and Roman emphasis on wisdom, reason, and intellect. Regardless of the reason for this addition, it is an important one. As Christians, we don't need to check our brains at the door when we enter the spiritual journey. We can (and should) follow Jesus with our full intellect, complete with our questions, skepticisms, and doubts. Each of the readings this week explores different dimensions of what it means to love God with our whole mind, which will shape both our belief and our behavior.

—Rev. Magrey deVega

Pray

*Lord, give me a listening mind.
Give me a mind so in tune with your will
and your way that all other sounds
both in the world and in my life
are subverted by the signal strength of your Spirit.
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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