



EMMAUS Equipping College Bible Classes

24 June 2026

Dear fellow students,

Just a general follow-up to see how you're progressing with your next assignment, due before 19 July 2026. That's just 24 days away!

It is interesting to contemplate three people in the same family, but oh so different. A PhD professor teaching theology but isn't a believer. His wife a believer with a MA, and their nine year old daughter whose recent church camp experience has ignited a spark of conversion.

In the light of this hypothetical case, it is an interesting exercise to try to articulate how each of them interacts with scripture generally, the role and work of the Holy Spirit, especially in this case in relation to John 3:16

On the second assignment, we give some leeway in how you approach yourself immersing into scripture, and writing your personal reflection on your experience in meditating on certain scriptures. For example, one of the options, John 15:1-5 discusses in "abiding in Christ." What does "abiding" mean? How is it experienced? Do you think you personally "abide" in Christ, or is that a state of being yet to be attained? Feel free to choose any of the suggested scriptures, and as Mike has already submitted his assignment, feel free to read his insightful response on the "lectio divina" approach. Is that a valid approach – or does it come with its own historical baggage?

Your fellow student and brother in Christ, John

Next online class meeting via Zoom is on Sunday, 19 July 2026

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Meeting ID: 993 136 2668

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Time: 4:00pm WA. | 6:30pm SA. | 7:00pm NSW/VIC