**Following Jesus**

**Bible**

The Bible is God’s story. There are many ways we can engage with scripture – through reading and listening; apps and collective study; and music. In the Bible, God speaks to us through telling stories, and as we reflect on these they shape who we are as beings made in the image of God. We find ourselves in God’s story, and learn to live that story on earth. We can grow a culture of reading the Bible together, sharing a journey of discovery as we seek to live God’s story and be shaped by scripture. There are many creative ways to encourage one another to engage with scripture.

**What do we do already**?

As a church, we frequently encounter scripture in our worship, through the reading of passages as well as in our liturgy and in the music we sing. Do we have small groups which explore the Bible together in prayer and discussion? Lent or Advent groups? Do we have a culture of engaging well with scripture in households?

**What could be?**

Do we have a pattern of people gathering in small groups to be shaped by scripture together? Is it something which needs growth, development or nurture? If not, is this something we could start?

There are so many digital opportunities for people to engage with scripture. Do we intentionally encourage this, and suggest apps such as Daily Prayer or Lectio 365? Young people could be encouraged to follow ‘The Way UK’ on Tik Tok and Instagram.

Are there opportunities for us to have fun exploring scripture together, like Bible quizzes or musical meditations?