

# EXPLORING THE BIBLE | 6 • APPLICATION

*SMALL GROUP STUDY* | EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## WEEK 6: Exploring the Bible | Application

- Did you try the interpretation exercise from last week? Share a highlight and a struggle from the process.

### Play teaching video for Week 6.

- [Vimeo](#)
- [You Tube](#)

### Discussion Questions

- How do you apply the Bible to your life?
- How often, when faced with a difficulty, do we find that inviting God into the situation with prayer ends up being our last resort rather than our first move? Why do you think that is?
- Jake urged us to talk to God, to pour out our hearts to him unreservedly, as [Psalm 62:8](#) encourages us to do. The book of Psalms contains much written by King David describing his closeness with God, for instance [Psalm 23](#). Do you have a favorite Psalm?
- Read [1 John 3:1](#). Is the concept of being God's child and having an intimate, affectionate relationship with him new to you?
- Some people find journaling helpful. Have you tried this? If so, share your experience with the group.

### Going Deeper | Put into Practice

Jake explained how to apply what we read in the Bible to our lives.

- It begins with prayer and seeking God's guidance. [Psalm 139:23-24](#). Talk to God. Tell him everything that's on your mind, the good and the bad.

- Questions to ask when reading the Bible:
  - Is there anything I've learned that requires me to change something about what I believe?
  - Is there a sin to confess?
  - Is there a promise to claim for my life?
  - What am I learning about God?
  - What can I do to show God's love to others in my life?
  
- Practice Exercise Read about two kinds of wisdom in [James 3:13-18](#) (NIV).
  - Begin with prayer for God to guide you in your understanding. Examine a few more translations of the section you are studying: [\(MSG\)](#), and [\(NLT\)](#).
  - Prayerfully ask the questions listed above. You might want to journal this.
  - End with a time of talking to God.