

**Good Shepherd Church Bible Study Survey  
Tabulations based on 400 responses or 27% of  
the parish:**

1. Have you ever attended a church Bible Study? Yes 40% No 50% No reply 10%

If you stopped or did not attend, why?

Cost 0.7% Time 24%

Other reason 75%

Some other reasons:

- A. Did not know it was offered
- B. Location
- C. Would like age-specific study
- D. No transportation
- E. Would like DVD study i.e. Bishop Barron, Jeff Cavins
- F. Moved away
- G. Too many interpretations
- H. Already reads

2. What type of study do you prefer?

Lecture 32% Group Sharing 50%

Reading 18%

Comments:

- A. Would like more guest speakers
- B. Online study on the website

3. Do you study the Bible on your own?

Yes 42% No 50% No replies 8%

If so, what is your favorite Book or passage?

Received 31 different answers (see list below):

Top five:

OT vs. NT was equal

- 1. **Gospel of John-why we are studying it this year!**
- 2. Psalms
- 3. Gospel of Matthew
- 4. Luke
- 5. Isaiah/Corinthians

List of favorite Bible passages or books:

Beatitudes, Joseph and Noah in the OT, Ps(s), Jn 3:16, Mt 3:4, 5-7, Est 4:14, 1Cor, Rev, Pet, Paul, Mk, Acts, Jer, Job, Phil, Prv, Sam, Ex, Wis, Dan, Gen, Sir, Eccl, Jas.

4. If you were to attend a Bible Study what day/time is preferable? (circle as many as apply)

**M** 18% **T** 8% **W** 16% **Th** 9% **F** 7%  
**Sat** 24% **Su** 18%

Daytime 43% Evening 52%

No preference 1%

What Books or topics would you like to study?

- A. Revelation
- B. Alternative Gospels
- C. Reflections on Scripture
- D. Eternal Life
- E. I have many questions about the Bible
- F. Bronte Pitre, Jeff Cavins, Scott Hahn, St. Paul Center, Catholic Commentary on Scripture
- G. Would like Family, Teen, Youth Bible Study
- H. Went to Jehovah's Witnesses or Protestant groups for study

5. Do you prefer: Old Testament 17%  
New Testament 49%  
No preference 34%

Comments:

- a. Want more depth
- b. Looking at historical context from an anthropological, geographical, contextual context.
- c. Only want a priest, holy person, minister to lead.

In discussion: How we might offer a more family oriented program, but all are welcome to bring children.

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