Make Church a Part of Your Life WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Get Into God's Word" By Pastor Lyn Linde, Norton First United Methodist Church

Word are you reading it for writing from. pleasure or purpose? Do youtaketimetoreaditevery day or just when you have life's faith journey. It takes wisdom and understanding to work through its pages.

The following statements reflect six points to consider when reading God's Word for maximum benefit. It matters not where you choose to begin reading, what matters most is that you read. My suggestion is to begin with the Gospel of John that you may know Christ's salvation. Choose a passage and then:

1. Read it over!

Paying attention to what gets your attention.

Go back and re-read that verse(s) multiple times, at times using different translations.

2. Think it through!

Grappling with why it got your attention. Being curious...asking questions...brainstorming thoughts...ideas...potential directions to go with it.

Don't spend lots of time here, just long enough

3. Write it down!

spare time? Reading God's themselves when they pass paragraphs are ramblings! Word is the greatest book through the lips and through Very unclear... going you can set your eyes upon. the fingertips." This is the nowhere in particular... but It is in this book that you fingertips. Number five is VERY consistently through will find answers for your the lips. HERE is the actual the process SOMETHING

When you read God's to give you a place to start journaling piece. I am NOT begins to crystallize for trying to be a great literary! me! Again, I don't try to I am processing WHILE I get it ALL cleaned up and I love the saying, am writing! Typically the dusted off...I just want to "Thoughts tend to disentangle first sentences and even see it ... to taste it ... to get my

hands on it.

4. Pray it up!

This is my either verbal or written response to God... interaction with God about what is crystallizing. It could be giving thanks for what He showed me... or praising Him for what I now see about Him...or confessing my shortfall in not living what I now see... or asking for greater clarity on it...or asking for it to become a reality in my life. 5. Pass it on!

Much sweetness here, as I take that morsel and share it with my brothers and sisters. It is amazing how often it multiplies in the process as they interact with what they heard, adding their thoughts and asking clarifying questions regarding yours.

6. Live it out!

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Now amazing that an athlete can clear a high hurdle and land safely on the other side while running so fast! What is the secret to their success? There really is no secret; as with so many other seemingly impossible challenges in life, instruction, practice, belief, and a source of support are the tools of success that can catapult us to the highest of heights. At the very moment we feel the hurdle is most insurmountable we can call on God, our ultimate source of strength. Let us fortify our connection with Him at our house of worship. With Him by our side we can clear any hurdle and vault safely to the other side.

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