

LadyLike: Living Biblically

You will see that the questions this study poses do not offer the answers. They are designed so that you land in the right zone without being pushed there. There are plenty of wrong answers that the devil, the world, and your flesh would put forward, but there are also a lot of right answers, depending upon your station and situation. Move forward with a firmer eye on Scripture than any other word out there, and you'll be set!

Each week a number of questions will be posted online in this format along with the readings for the week. Since this book is written as short essays, you will be reading or referring to some essays multiple times throughout this study. You may participate in online discussions if you would like on the Immanuel Women's Ministry Facebook Group. You can also email me your questions or thoughts at pmiller@immanuelseymour.com. Blessings on your study.

Week Three

Prayer:

Dear Father in Heaven, you are our keeper; our Lord and our protector who keeps us from all evil. Continue your watch over each of us, and over all those who you have given us to care for. As we continue this reading, give us wisdom and confidence according to your Holy Will. May the reading of this book and of Your Word continue to strengthen us in our many callings and may we always trust in your grace and mercy as we strive to lead lives that serve and benefit those around us. Hear us gracious Lord, as we call upon you in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Reading and Questions:

Reading: Read the essay on page 27; see also pages 21, 56, 61, 80, 89, 95, 103, 111, and 121.

Questions: College (and even high school) educations used to be considered privileges. Now they (and even graduate school) are nearly nonnegotiable for everyone who wants to make it in life. Considering the amount of debt that comes along with most college degrees, we take that education pretty seriously!

—Have you ever felt that a woman's education or gifts are wasted if she doesn't use them publicly, for payment?

—What made you feel that way?

—How can you use your experiences and expertise in service to your closest neighbors, and how is that pleasing to God?

Reading: Read the essay on page 50; see also pages 18, 21, 56, 61, 95, 106, 121, and 128.

Questions: There is one thing women do so much better than men that men cannot do it at all. The world talks out of both sides of its mouth about being a wife and mother. People agree everyone who wants to get married and have babies has a right to those things. But they also think that being too into being a wife and/or mom is weird and problematic.

—How does Scripture speak about marriage and children?

—If we think the biblical picture of family is outdated, whose version of history have we been reading?

—What are some practical problems our society is facing as a result of people seeing children as an optional liability?

Prayers:

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Luther's Morning Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Luther's Evening Prayer:

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

A Hymn Verse, or two, from one of my very favorite hymns: *Abide With Me*, (stanza 1 and 2)

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

*I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.*