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LIFE GROUP RESOURCES

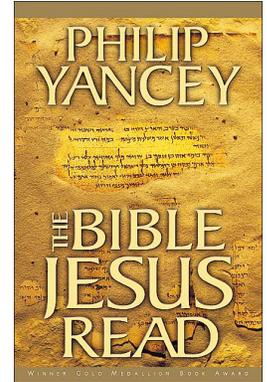
RESOURCE: AN INTRODUCTION OR OVERVIEW OF THE OT

The author

Philip Yancey is a well-known editor, author and journalist who has written numerous books. His writings are consistently insightful and personal. I often feel he is able to tackle a subject in a way that is both new and refreshing. He brings to his work a keen intellect coupled with a humble honesty about his own struggles and doubts. One of his most personal books is [What's So Amazing About Grace](#) where he reveals his own journey to grace and salvation out of religious legalism. It is safe to say that one would benefit from reading any book he has written regardless of the subject.



Philip Yancey



The Bible Jesus Read

The book covers selected passages of the Old Testament; Job, Deuteronomy, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, and the Prophets to reveal how the Bible that Jesus read addresses topics that we all struggle with today. His conclusion is that “the more we comprehend the Old Testament the more we comprehend Jesus”. This would be an excellent resource as an introduction or overview of the Old Testament. The following 8 chapters could be discussed one every week or one every two weeks:

- Preface
- Is the Old Testament Worth the Effort?
- Job: Seeing in the Dark
- Deuteronomy: A Taste of Bittersweet
- Psalms: Spirituality in Every Key
- Ecclesiastes: The End of Wisdom
- The Prophets: God Talks Back
- Advance Echoes of a Final Answer

A Suggested Discussion Plan

Ask each member to read the selected pages for the week.

1. Review the specific points Yancey addressed in the reading:
2. What did they learn this week from their reading or what stood out to them?
3. What did they disagree with and why?
4. Which passages of Scripture were particularly important to them and why?
5. What changed this week from their reading in terms of their life, their understanding of the world, their faith, or their perspective on God their Father?
6. What do they wish Yancey had addressed or discussed?