



Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Bible Studies Introduction by Rev Dr Sally Douglas

Welcome to the Bible Studies for the 2016 meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

Each day at Synod a reading was shared in worship that related to the bible study theme. Before you begin watching each of the bible studies I invite you, and your study group, to read the bible passage set down for that day.

- Study 1: Proverbs 8.22-9.6**
- Study 2: Colossians 1.15-20**
- Study 3: John 1.1-5, 14-18**
- Study 4: 1 Corinthians 1.22-31**

For some these biblical themes and understandings will be familiar. However, for many these biblical themes and understandings will be entirely new and potentially - at times - confronting.

My sense is that the most useful way to use this resource is to only watch one study each time that you gather, and then to break to reflect and discuss what you have heard (rather than watching two or more of the studies in one sitting).

You may like to use the following questions after you have watched each study:

- 1) What surprised / excited / troubled you most in this study?**
- 2) What would you like to know more about?**
- 3) Are there implications for you, and your faith community, in how you follow Jesus in the 21st century?**

I wish you every blessing as you enter into exploring this ancient, potent and faithful understanding of Christ.

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