

Homework for Lesson 19: Experiencing God

Read Psalm 34:1-10

The Wesleyan Quadrilateral

John Wesley is the founder of our church. He said that any questions about what we should believe must be decided from these four sources:

Scripture is inspired by God and our main resource to understand God.

Tradition connects us to a community of people who think like we do who came before and will come after us.

Reason is our ability to think and understand our experiences and knowledge. Through the Holy Spirit, God gives us greater understanding of the truths of Scripture.

Experience moves us from just knowing about God to knowing God deeply and personally.

Which corner of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral do you find yourself leaning on most? Circle that word and then write a few sentences about why that pillar is important to you and your faith.

Scripture	Tradition
Reason	Experience

An Illustrated Quadrilateral

Read the questions below and use your creativity to create your own illustrated quadrilateral in the spaces provided on the next page.

Scripture: Draw story from the Bible that has impacted you and your faith.

Tradition: Draw a picture of one of your favorite Christian traditions or a tradition from your church community.

Reason: Draw a picture that comes to mind when you use your mind and think about God.

Experience: Draw a picture of a time from your life that significantly impacted your faith.

Scripture

Tradition

Reason

Experience

Traditions shape individuals and communities. Talk with your family about the traditions that you share. What traditions mean the most to each person? What impact do they have on the whole family? What traditions do you find confusing? What new traditions would you like to see your family embrace?