

Cultural Pillar #6: PASSION to LEARN

The Bible encourages lifelong learning rooted in wisdom, humility, and reverence for God. It views learning as both a spiritual and practical pursuit that shapes character and deepens understanding.

“The spiritually hungry are always ready to learn more, for their hearts are eager to discover new truths.”

Prov 18:15 (TPT).

“When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart...But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces; some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.” **Matthew 13:19 & 23 (NKJV)**

Passion: *teshukah* (Hebrew) – which means to have a desire.

Learn: *lilmod* (Hebrew), which is a verb meaning to learn. A related word, *lamad* means to teach.

Learning happens in all areas of our lives, social interactions, relationships, formal education, sport, physical activity and so on. If we have a passion to learn, we have a *desire to do something to gain or acquire knowledge or a skill*. This desire and learning we pursue is reflected in our character. To learn we must have a posture to be taught, a humility to accept the things we may not know to gain understanding and knowledge. As believers in Christ, we are called to grow from babes to adult in the faith. To do that we must continually be seeking His Word and learning what it is to be Christ like. We can be ‘Christ like’ in ALL areas of learning.

So, what does this look like at Ascende?

- Hungry to understand scripture – to read, meditate on it, declare it, encourage others with it.
- Willing to learn from others
- Pursue growth and exploring things that are unknown to us.
- Coming expectant each Sunday to church
- Being willing and have a desire to learn from any course, speaker that is introduced.

Discussion ideas:

- **What does it mean to “seek wisdom” in a biblical sense and how is that different from simply gaining knowledge?**
→ Explore Proverbs 2:3–5 and discuss the heart posture behind learning.
- **Can you think of a time when your desire to learn something deepened your relationship with God or others?**
- **How do we cultivate a love for learning in seasons when we feel tired, overwhelmed, or spiritually dry?**
→ Reflect on Psalm 119:97 and Romans 12:2 for encouragement.
- **What role does community play in our learning journey as Christians?**
→ Consider Colossians 3:16 and the value of teaching and learning together.
- **How can we model a passion for learning to the next generation—our children, youth, or new believers?**
→ Discuss practical ways to inspire curiosity, humility, and growth.