Relationship with Sacred Scripture

Sacred Scripture is an integral part of Secular Franciscan daily life!

1. Our guidebook is the Bible – we actually use it!

2. We listen to Jesus because his Words have special value to us.

3. Our Fraternity Gatherings give us an opportunity to share insights and reflections for implementing the Gospel in our daily lives.

4. When we are puzzled about Scripture, we seek competent assistance.

5. We avoid fundamentalist attitudes that limit the power of Scripture.

6. We work to deepen our understanding of Scripture.

7. We avoid attitudes and interpretations that use Scripture to condemn others.

8. The circle of our love must never become narrow. We seek to include others rather than exclude them.

9. We use Scripture for prayer as well as study, letting its power touch us and soak into our very beings.

10. “Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity.” (The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, article #5)