

Bible Education at Whitefield

Using Scripture to Inform Every Class at Whitefield

As a classical Christian school, it comes as no surprise that we read the Bible at Whitefield. Every day, in every grade, the Bible holds a special place in *all* that we do as a community of educators and students.

At Whitefield we affirm that the Bible is uniquely divine, inspired, entirely trustworthy and authoritative, and we read it first and foremost as story. By reading the Bible as story, by beginning with creation, moving to the fall, then to redemption, and finally to new creation, we are able to see that all the parts find their end in Christ and in God's Kingdom. We are able to see that this is God's story. By reading the Bible in this way our attention is focused on God the Creator and Redeemer, revealed as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and then to our obedient response to the Good News. I suspect that this is not too surprising.



Whitefield is also a classical school. As such, we highly regard the writings of the ancients, and their highly-inflected languages, and we believe that studying this literature and these languages is the best way to achieve our goal, which is wise and virtuous students that love the Lord. Ancient Greeks and Romans believed that the purpose of education was to produce a wise and virtuous person. Medieval Christians, who adopted and utilized their form of education, recognized the true end of education to be similar,

though they defined wisdom and virtue according to Jesus Christ. Therefore, as we read the greatest literature that western civilization has produced, we do not do so separate from the Bible, but in light of it, with the Bible as our guide. Every idea is held up against the truth revealed in the Bible.

This is not limited to reading and writing. Actually, the Bible is our standard in the study of math and science. Each day we teach and learn in light of the medieval maxim, “God wrote two books, nature and scripture.” Both reveal the wisdom of God, though the latter stands preeminently above the former, which is why we read the Bible every day at Whitefield, on its own, and as the final standard as we read the best literature, and as we study creation.