



SU News

An inside view of
Scripture Union



It was my first visit to Switzerland, and my friend and I arrived at our hotel late afternoon. I was terribly sick with a high fever, so I immediately collapsed into bed. Our room offered a view of the Alps, but I was unable to take in my surroundings, beautiful as they were.

As I lay just on the edge of awake, my friend came in from the balcony, excited to tell me about the amazing view of the Alps. She was clearly taken by their majesty and beauty.

The next morning, I awoke to her laughing out loud! “They were just the foothills that I saw last night!” she shouted. With the evening mist lifted, she could now see the magnificent Alps rising far above the mountains in front of them. The amazing Alpine foothills she had seen the previous night were just a foretaste of the real thing.

As I reflect on the many ways that God has provided for Scripture Union, I’m struck by how often my vision of what might be accomplished consistently pales in comparison to what he accomplishes. Looking through the photos

from the open house in this issue, I am amazed all over again at how a distressing, urgent need to relocate led to an office space that exceeded every expectation. What began as a small effort by one NFL coach has grown into a 20-year-long commitment to a coach fellowship, Bible engagement, and accountability. There is now an expanded group of men whose sphere of influence is rooted in a solid foundation of faith. The list goes on.

What are the ways in which you see God at work in your life, bringing you magnificent Alps where you could only see foothills, never imagining there was something greater? Whether in big or small ways, let’s keep our eyes open for how our gracious God meets our needs, and let’s receive his provisions with grateful hearts.

I am continually grateful for the ways he is using you to help accomplish our vision to help people meet God every day.



Gail A. Martin
President,
Scripture Union

Open House



This past fall, on a beautiful October day, Scripture Union hosted an Open House to introduce ourselves to our new neighbors and showcase our new home to local SU friends. Food and beverage trucks, Scripture Union resources, raffle prizes, and beautiful weather made for an inspiring and successful event! Our SU Board Chair, Mildred Webber Holmes, cut the ribbon as friends, new and old, were present to celebrate God's faithfulness to us. Visitors were invited to join us on a tour and prayer journey, praying over each room for its purpose and the roles they play in our mission. It was a powerful reminder of how God continues to guide and grow this ministry.

If you ever find yourself in the Philadelphia area, please let us know! We'd love to welcome you personally and show you our new space.

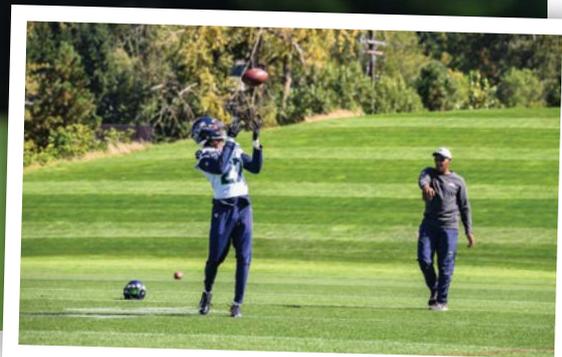


FUN FACT: Our restrooms are wallpapered with our very own office dog pups who are often here together in person!

A Fellowship Beyond the Sidelines: Coach Leslie Frazier's Heart for God



For more than 20 years, NFL coaches have gathered every other Tuesday to study Scripture, pray, and encourage one another—using Scripture Union's Encounter with God as their guide.



As the Seattle Seahawks head into the NFL playoffs as the NFC's number one seed, Assistant Head Coach Leslie Frazier is focused on more than football. Every other Tuesday, Frazier joins a fellowship of Christian NFL coaches—a group committed to growing spiritually during one of the most high-pressure professions in the world.

Alongside Tony Dungy and others, Frazier helped establish this fellowship with a clear purpose: to study the Word of God together, pray for one another, and be a source of encouragement for each other. Central to their gatherings is our *Encounter with God* Bible Guide, a resource that has shaped their conversations and deepened their faith for decades.

"We meet twice a month," Frazier explains. "We get into Scripture, pray for one another, and talk about what God is doing in our lives."

In a league defined by constant evaluation and stress, Frazier believes this fellowship offers a critical way to cope:

"There's another way to handle the pressure of the NFL," he says. "And that way is through Jesus Christ."

For Frazier, these meetings are more than a spiritual lifeline—they're a mission field. He and his fellow coaches strive to mentor the next generation of men both on and off the field, reminding each other that life's ultimate victory isn't found on the scoreboard, but in Christ.

Leslie Frazier and the fellowship of NFL Coaches sharing in God's Word are proving that faith can thrive even in the high-stakes world of professional football. Through Scripture Union's *Encounter with God*, they have a spiritual backbone that strengthens them—and those they lead—every day.

Grow deeper in God's Word with the same Bible guide resource these NFL coaches use and check out *Encounter with God*.

Visit Scripture Union-USA's website, where you'll find recent interviews with Leslie Frazier featured on nationally syndicated Christian podcasts, radio and television.



Want to grow in faith like these coaches?
Start your own journey with *Encounter with God* today.

“ Testimonial ”

“My husband introduced me to Encounter with God when we were first married in 1967. I have appreciated it ever since. I am “old” now, and I do forget to renew my subscription sometimes, but I thank you for the reminder!” – NH, Charlotte, NC

“At 5 o’clock, I looked for my daily reading from Scripture Union. It wasn’t there at first, but it appeared at 5:04 am. Even before I began to read, I already felt a quiet sense of hope. I am deeply grateful to God for all of you at Scripture Union who faithfully provide the daily bread of life. Scripture reminds us that “the kingdom of God is in our midst,” and indeed, your ministry is a living sign of that kingdom’s presence.” – CB, Somerset, NJ

“It is a joy to have my Scripture Union friend—Encounter each day. What an encouragement, but the best story with my Encouter was 25+ years ago as I went on an educational mission trip to the Czech Republic and on Sunday found an out of the way Baptist Church in the heart of Prague. Taking my Bible and my Encouter (with passages underlined) I found the pastor for the day was NONE OTHER than the Scripture Union Director from England—Great Britain. It surprised and pleased him too, to find a Scripture Union devotee.” – RB, Nashville, TN

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