

Interacting with Scripture

PURSUING GOD'S PRESENCE - Small Group Resource

How do we get the most out of our time in God's word?
How can we engage effectively with God through scripture?

Small Group Dialogue

- What does reading the Bible look like in your life?
- How do you interact with God in this process?
- What do you enjoy about it?
- How is it a challenge for you? What do you do to address these challenges?
- What do you do so that you are doers of the Word and not just hearers (James 1:22-25)?
- What do you do to dig deeper in what you are reading to learn more?

Option #1 - S.M.O.R.P. Devotional Tool

SMORP is a simple acronym to help us remember the key items in our daily devotional walk with Jesus.

Scripture – Invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the Word. Reading scripture can include meditation, memorization and observation (something learned about God and His ways).

Message – What is the correction, direction, encouragement, promise or wisdom that God is revealing to you?

Obedience – What does God want you to do? Is there a message of correction or direction on which you need to follow through?

Repentance – Take time for confession. What will you do to take a turn of direction to go God's way?

Prayer – Express your praise, gratitude, worship and intercession.

Option #2 – S.O.A.P. Devotional Tool

Scripture – Read slowly; pray to invite the Holy Spirit to empower you to be alert to God speaking to you.

Observation – What did you learn? Is God revealing anything to you in this?

Application – How can I apply this to my life? What changes do I need to make?

Prayer – Thank God for His Word; ask Him to help you apply His principles to your life.

Additional Leader Resources

- “Habit – Bible Reading” Daily Self-Leadership Habit, TrainedUp
- “Habit – Prayer” Daily Self-Leadership Habit, TrainedUp