

HEAR BIBLE READING METHOD

HIGHLIGHT

Read the passages of Scripture with an open heart, asking the Holy Spirit to give you words of encouragement, direction, and correction (2 Timothy 3:16). Highlight or Underline the verses that seem important and that God is using to speak to you.

EXAMINE

Spend some time reflecting and writing about what you've read. Write down one or two of the key verses that stuck out to you. Ask yourself the following questions and write down your thoughts:

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE SAY?

About God? About humanity? About the gospel?

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE MEAN?

How do you think the author wants his audience to respond?

WHAT DOES THIS PASSAGE COMMAND/DEMAND OF ME?

APPLY

After examining the passage, apply the text to your own life, heart & mind. Ask yourself the following questions to uncover the significance of these verses to you personally:

HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE CHANGE HOW I RELATE TO GOD?

HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE INFLUENCE MY RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS?

HOW DOES IT PROMPT ME TO PRAY?

To conclude your application challenge yourself to write between two to five sentences about how the text fits into your life at the moment.

RESPOND

Pray through the passage and your application. Your response to the passage of Scripture read and the application of it in your life may take on many forms. You may write a call to action. You may describe how you will be different because of what God has said to you through His Word. You may indicate what you are going to do because of what you have learned. You may respond by writing out a prayer to God, so that you can keep track of what you have been praying for since engaging this passage of Scripture.

AFTER READING THIS PASSAGE, IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU FEEL GOD CALLING YOU TO RESPOND?

How do I need to repent? How can I implement this in my life this week?

How has this passage encouraged you?

How has this passage challenged unbelief/doubt and sin in your life?

WHO SHOULD I SHARE THE TRUTHS OF THIS PASSAGE WITH?

When will I tell them?

HOW DOES THIS PASSAGE PROMPT ME TO PRAY?

HOW HAS HE ANSWERED YOUR PRAYERS?