

Why a different approach to Scripture?

I encourage you to listen to the first part of Sunday's podcast (up until I begin walking people through the Lectio Divina exercise). Even if you were present on Sunday, listen closely to why it is significant for us to approach Scripture differently. Click [HERE](#) to listen.

Practicing Scripture: encountering God through his Word

Lectio Divina: translated means 'divine reading.' This approach to Scripture sets us up to listen for the word of God spoken to us in his presence.

Preparation: take a moment of silence to become fully present. Express your desire to hear from God, saying something like, "Here I am Lord, your child is listening."

Read: if there is a passage you would like to use – go for it! If not, try Mark 10:48-52. Listen for the word or phrase that strikes you. After the reading, sit in silence and ponder the word that has been given to you.

Reflect: Read the passage again – slowly. Ask, how is my life touched by this word? Where am I in this story? What do I hear as I imagine myself in the story or hear this word addressed to me?

Respond: Read the passage a third time – slowly. How is God calling you to respond to this word? Do not be quick to judge, suppress or justify what you're receiving...just sit with God and listen.

Rest and Resolve: we rest with God, thanking Him for being with us and for us. And we resolve to carry this word with us and live it out in our daily life. Continue to listen throughout the day for a deeper meaning of his word as it lives in us.

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