

OK, so how do I Read | Reflect | Respond to the Word of God?

Read the passage for day's reading

Ask - What does God want me to **see** about Him and His character?

Write out the verse(s) that stood out the most.

Reflect on why this stood out

Ask - What does God want me to **know**?

Write out what the Holy Spirit is impressing on your heart about the what you see in the Word of God.

Respond to the Lord's leading

Ask - What does God want me to **do**?

Talk to God in prayer, record it in your journal, and share it with someone in your D-Group.

Some essentials for your Group Time

Let the Holy Spirit
guide the time!

Start your time by **inviting** in the Spirit by **reading aloud one of the readings for the week**. This helps makes the Word central to the discussion from the very start.

Pray with one another by pairing up and asking, "How can I pray for you?" Make these 30 second requests and prayers. This builds prayers better than anything.

Take turns sharing what the Spirit impressed upon your heart from your reading.

Groups can look very different and unique:

men/women, singles/couples; share a meal/make a meal; sing some songs; rotate homes/locations; around a hobby; in person/on Zoom/both; people in the church and not.

D-Group - Your Daily Reading

An Ongoing Study in the Word

Follow me as I follow Christ! - 1 Cor 11:1

Walking WITH Jesus and others in His Word.

You cannot know God apart from the Word of God, for the Word of God reveals the God of the Word.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon

The **#1 thing** a person can do to know God better and look more like Jesus is to spend time daily **engaging** with Him in His Word. Study after study shows that reading and responding to the Word of God will improve every single area of your life now & forever.

This is where D-Groups help!

Being engaged in a **D**iscipleship Group, will develop the daily habits that teach us to live like Jesus did. And that's the point.

What are D-Groups?

The Purpose:

This is basic nutrition for your training.

You cannot train effectively if you are not feeding on the right things. This is designed to help solidify in you the single most important skill of a disciple of Christ — the ability to not only READ but also REFLECT and RESPOND to the Word of God as you press into Jesus. And we believe the meals are seasoned best in community.

The Intended Audience:

EVERYONE of us! All the time! We believe that everyone should be participating in a D-Group; and should desire to lead a group of your own once you have finished a group.

The Content:

Daily Readings from Sundays
The Old Testament Survey
The New Testament Survey
The Gospel of Matthew
Any book of the Bible

The Setting:

This will be participant driven. D-Groups are simply groups of people committed to reading and responding to the the same passages of scripture each day for mutual edification, accountability and spiritual growth. You will spend time memorizing scripture together, praying for one another, and asking each other what the Holy Spirit revealed to you in the readings in the Word each week. Groups can look very different and can gather in a variety of settings.

What will I be doing?

You will **engage** in the Word each week and ask 3 questions:
What does God want me to **see** about Him and His character?
What does God want me to **know** about this part of His Word's impact on my life?
What does God want me to **do** with what He has impressed upon my heart?

Memorize a Bible verse each week.

Develop a pattern of **prayer**.

Agree to be in **accountability** with one another in the Word and Prayer.

This is NOT a BIBLE STUDY.

This is LETTING the Word study YOU!

And letting others into your walk with Jesus.

It is you, your Bible and the Holy Spirit in a conversation that leads to conversation with others.

This is learning what it looks like to walk WITH Jesus who IS the Word.

We should expect the Word to speak to us.

God spoke, and is speaking. - A.W. Tozer