

MARK

Mark 4 Prep

Our normal approach each week is to REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize). Today, as we prepare to start **Mark 4**, let's look back to ensure we're following a bible-informed process about talking about the Bible. (Note: this material is taken from the series, Talking about the Bible, at OurSundaySchool.com.)

Talking about the Bible

Process Step #1: Pray

- **Our attitudes:** Fear, dependence, and expectancy
- **Our actions:** Pray for illumination, wisdom, and for hearing for the hearers
- **Our practice:** Pray before we talk

Process Step #2: Hear

- **Our attitudes:** Respect and deference
- **Our actions:** Read the Bible out loud to others and hear the Bible being read aloud
- **Our practice:** Hearing isn't reading and hear more often

Process Step #3: Think

- **Our attitudes:** Humility, wonder, and steadfastness
- **Our actions:** Think about God's word day and night and think up
- **Our practice:** Slow down and think

Process Step #4: Talk

- **Our attitudes:** Incompleteness and wonder
- **Our actions:** Talk to those willing to teach and use available resources
- **Our practice:** Learn from others (i.e., we need we)

Process Step #5: Share

- **Our attitudes:** Lowliness, intention, calm, and patience
- **Our actions:** Speak the truth in love and trust the Lord with the outcome
- **Our practice:** Love others and trust God

In-class practice

1. Pray for help in understanding **Mark 4**
2. Hear **Mark 4**
3. Think about **Mark 4**
4. Talk with someone (at your table) about **Mark 4**
5. Share your insights with others (at your table) about **Mark 4**

After-class practice

6. Invite a member and a non-member

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