Our normal approach each week is to REAP (read, explain, apply, personalize). Today, as we prepare to start Mark 8, 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 teachableness
- 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 8
2. Hear Mark 8
3. Think about Mark 8
4. Talk with someone (at your table) about Mark 8
5. Share your insights with others (at your table) about Mark 8

After-class practice
6. Invite a member and a non-member

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