Talking about the Bible

Assumptions

1. _____ believers talk about the Bible
2. Believers don't always follow a very ______-informed process
3. In our current age of outrage, believers _____ do better

Objectives

1. Be _______________ (Titus 2:1-5)
2. Be _______________ (1 Corinthians 4:1-2)
3. Be _______________

Assertions

1. God tells us what the Bible ___ (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12)
2. God tells us what the Bible _______ (2 Peter 1:1-4)
3. God tells us the ______________ He provides
Process Step #1: Pray

Our attitudes

1. ______ (Proverbs 9:10)

2. _______________ (2 Chronicles 20)

3. _______________ (Psalm 119:18; James 1:5)

Our actions

1. Pray for _______________ (1 Corinthians 2:12; Ephesians 1:15-21)

2. Pray for _________ (James 1:5)

3. Pray for ____________ for the hearers (Revelation 2:7a, 11a, 17a, 29; 3:6, 13, 22)

Next week: Process Step #2: Hear

Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding _________________________

2. Invite a member or non-member

Suggested resource

Talking about the Bible

Review: Assumptions, Objectives, and Assertions

Assumptions: All believers talk about the Bible. Believers don’t always follow a very Bible-informed process. In our current age of outrage, believers can do better.

Objectives: Be prepared, faithful, and engaging

Assertions: God tells us what the Bible is. God tells us what the Bible gives. God tells us the resources He provides.

Review: 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

What it is not: Hearing is not __________

What it is: Hearing the Bible being read ______ ________
Our attitudes

1. __________ (Nehemiah 8:1-8)

2. _______________ (Nehemiah 8:9)

Our actions

1. ______ the Bible out loud to others (1 Thessalonians 5:27; 1 Timothy 4:13; Revelation 1:3)

2. ______ the Bible being read aloud (1 Thessalonians 5:27; 1 Timothy 4:13; Revelation 1:3)

Our practice: **John 18:1-11**

Next week: Process Step #3: Think

Homework

1. Pray for help in understanding **John 18:1-11**
2. Hear **John 18:1-11** often this week
3. Invite a member or non-member

Suggested resource

Talking about the Bible

Review: Assumptions, Objectives, and Assertions

Assumptions: All believers talk about the Bible. Believers don’t always follow a very Bible-informed process. In our current age of outrage, believers can do better.

Objectives: Be prepared, faithful, and engaging

Assertions: God tells us what the Bible is. God tells us what the Bible gives. God tells us the resources He provides.

Review: 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

Review: 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

Why think about God's word? (1 Corinthians 13:11; Isaiah 55:8-9; Romans 8:5)

Our attitudes
1. ____________ (Psalm 119:15, 27)
2. __________ (Psalm 119:48; 92:5)
3. ___________________ (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2)

Our actions
1. Think about God's word _____ and ________ (Psalm 63:6; 119:148)
2. Think ___ (Colossians 3:2)

Our practice: John 18:1-11

Next week: Process Step #4: Talk

Homework
1. Pray for help in understanding John 18:1-11
2. Hear John 18:1-11 often this week
3. Think about John 18:1-11 day and night week
4. Invite a member or non-member

Suggested resource
Talking about the Bible

Review: Assumptions, Objectives, and Assertions

Assumptions: All believers talk about the Bible. Believers don’t always follow a very Bible-informed process. In our current age of outrage, believers can do better.

Objectives: Be prepared, faithful, and engaging

Assertions: God tells us what the Bible is. God tells us what the Bible gives. God tells us the resources He provides.

Review: 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

Review: 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

Review: 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
1. __________________ (Luke 2:52)

2. __________________ (Acts 28:24-28)

Our actions
1. _______ to those willing to ______ (Acts 18:24-28)

2. Use available ___________ (2 Timothy 4:13)

Our practice: John 18:1-11

Next week: Process Step #5: Share

Homework
1. Pray for help in understanding John 18:1-11
2. Hear John 18:1-11 often this week
3. Think about John 18:1-11 day and night week
4. Talk with someone (dead or alive) about John 18:1-11 this week
5. Invite a member or non-member

Suggested resources


Mark M. Yarbrough, How to Read the Bible like a Seminary Professor (New York, Boston, Nashville: Faith Words, 2015).
Talking about the Bible

Review: Assumptions, Objectives, and Assertions

Assumptions: All believers talk about the Bible. Believers don’t always follow a very Bible-informed process. In our current age of outrage, believers can do better.

Objectives: Be prepared, faithful, and engaging

Assertions: God tells us what the Bible is. God tells us what the Bible gives. God tells us the resources He provides.

Review: 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

Review: 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

Review: 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

Review: 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
1. _____________ (Proverbs 15:1-2; John 3:30)
2. _____________ (Proverbs 15:28; 26:4-5)
3. ______ (Proverbs 17:27)
4. _____________ (Proverbs 18:13; 26:17)

Our actions
1. ______ the ________ in ________ (Ephesians 4:11-16)
2. Trust the Lord with the _____________ (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Our practice: John 18:1-11

Next week: Process Step #5: Share

Homework
1. Pray for help in understanding Mark
2. Hear Mark multiple times
3. Think about Mark day and night
4. Talk with someone (dead or alive) about Mark
5. Share your insights with others about Mark
6. Invite a member and a non-member

Suggested resources