

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: Process Step #1: Pray

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. Ask the Holy Spirit for help in understanding **John 18:1-11**
2. Hear **John 18:1-11** as many times as you can this week
3. Invite a member or non-member

Suggested resource

Jeffrey Arthurs, *Devote Yourself to the Public Reading of Scripture: The Transforming Power of the Well-Spoken Word* (Kregel Academic & Professional, 2012)