

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

What it is not: Hearing is not reading

What it is: Hearing the Bible being read out loud

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. 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. Slowly think about **John 18:1-11** often this week
4. Invite a member or non-member

Suggested resource

Howard G. Hendricks and William D. Hendricks, *Living by the Book* (Chicago: Moody Press, 1991), 110-114.