

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

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