

# 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

*ESV Scripture Journal: Mark* (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2016).