

Scripture Engagement Guide ***A Journey of Learning to See Differently***

This Scripture Engagement Guide is designed to help you engage with our own focus Scripture passage each week. (You can [download](#) a 2021 Reading Guide that lists all of the Scripture passages for the entire year [here](#).)

Starting on Sunday, you will read the passage and hear it preached at West Morris Church. Throughout the week, come back to the passage again each day. As you re-read it, consider reading it in another translation. Read it aloud. Read it slowly. Pay attention to how the passage impacts you. Invite God to speak to you through his Word.

Use the “Engaging God’s Word” questions to guide you, taking time to respond in writing. Take time to reflect on what this passage teaches you about God’s Kingdom and your calling. Now make a commitment to apply this Scripture in your own life. What will you DO this week as a result of what God has shown you? And as a point of accountability, reflect on how well you implemented your “I will” statement from last week.

Take some time to pray in response to what God is showing you - maybe through the sermon, through reading the passage, and through reflecting on the questions. Take some time to write out your prayer of response. Finally, consider what spiritual discipline you might want to practice. Pick one to focus on for a month or a quarter. Spend time daily engaging with that discipline, creating another avenue for you to grow and connect with God.

Grab a journal or notebook. Grab your Bible and the 2021 Reading Guide - and let’s get started!

Reading God’s Word

- What am I seeing new or differently in this Scripture passage?

Hearing God’s Word

- What part of the message (sermon) seemed to be just for me?

Engaging God's Word

- What word or phrase in this week's Scripture passage impacts me?
- What am I learning about God? What am I learning about others and myself?
- When I reflect on my own life in light of this passage, where is conflict, confusion or clarity?

Reflecting on Calling

- What am I learning about God's Kingdom and my calling?

Looking Back

- How did you act on your commitment from last week?

Looking Ahead

- In response to this week's Scripture passage I will...

Praying

- My prayer of response to the message:
- Other prayers and ponderings:

Practicing the Spiritual Disciplines

- Which one(s) will you engage this week? What drew you to that choice?

inward disciplines

- Meditation
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Study

outward disciplines

- Simplicity
- Solitude
- Submission
- Service

corporate disciplines

- Confession
- Worship
- Guidance
- Celebration