

Scripture's Role in the Life of a Believer

1. If you tried a new prayer strategy last week, how did it go? What worked well, and what didn't work?
2. What is the danger in forming our opinions and beliefs without backing it up with scripture?
3. What are some barriers you have in fruitfully studying the word?
4. Talk about tips or tricks that you've used to memorize scripture before. As a group, pick a verse to memorize over the upcoming week. If you need some ideas, read through these verses: 2 Timothy 3:16-17, Hebrews 4:12, Psalms 19:7

**If there is time left, as a group use the STOP method on the verse you have picked to memorize.

STOP METHOD

S: Situation- What is the historical/cultural context? Who is writing the passage? What is happening at the time?

T: Type of literature- Is this piece historical? Poetry? Prophecy? A letter?

O: Object- Who is the intended audience? What do we know about the audience that may inform how we read the passage?

P: Prescriptive vs. descriptive- Is this passage *prescriptive* (giving commands to follow) or *descriptive* (describing a historical event)?