



DIGGING DEEPER

WORKSHOPS IN GOD'S WORD

APRIL 17TH (6-9PM) - 18TH (8AM-12PM)



Workshop 2

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Digging Deeper:
The Feast of God's Word

Nourishing the Soul through Scripture

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The Scriptural Foundation

- Deuteronomy 8:2-3: Man does not live by bread alone.
- Luke 4:1-4; John 6:35-51: Jesus as the Bread of Life.
- Psalm 81:10: 'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.'
- Isaiah 25:6-9 & 55:1-2: An invitation to a rich feast.
- Revelation 19:6-9: The Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

The Diversity of the Feast (Genre)

- Our God is a God of diversity; the Bible is not a bland book.
- 66 books, multiple languages, written over thousands of years.
- Genre: A specific category or 'kind' of literature (from French 'sort').
- Understanding genre shapes how we approach and find meaning.

Table Time

1. Identify what kind of literature your sample is.
2. How does the kind of literature you have shape the way you read it, approach it, and find meaning from it?
3. What is the purpose of this kind of literature?
4. What hints do you get from the literary source as to how to read/ use it?

The Menu: Biblical Genres

- Poetry & Wisdom Literature
- Old Testament Narrative
- Prophetic Literature
- Epistle (Letters)
- Gospels & Acts
- Apocryphal literature

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What type of genre do you think each passage is?

How does genre shape your approach to the passage?

Forks to Help Us Feast

- The tool vs. the food: The point of a fork is nourishment
- The Holy Spirit's Role
 - ◆ Illuminates the Word of God (Acts 2)
 - ◆ Convicts of sin and points to righteousness (John 16)
 - ◆ Brings the Word to remembrance (John 14)

COMA: Context

- The words around the text
- The world (author/audience) of the text.
- Where we are in the big story of Scripture

COMA: Meaning

- Meaning: How does this relate to Jesus and the rest of the book?
- What does it teach us about God, ourselves, and others?
- One to two-sentence summary
 - ◆ From them/then to us/always

Specific Application (SPECK)

- **S** - Sin to avoid
- **P** - Promise to claim
- **E** - Example to follow
- **C** - Commands to obey
- **K** - Knowledge about God

Coming to the Table Together

- Practice: Walking through COMA for an Epistle (Galatians 3)
- Collaborate: Which steps are easiest? Which are difficult?
- Goal: Start small, go deep, and work together.

Keep Coming to the Table



Nourishment

Ongoing nature of spiritual
nourishment.



Perspective

Remember: The fork simply
helps us enjoy the food!



Company

Food is best enjoyed with
others!