

Dwelling In The Word

Purpose:

To read and hear scripture as a spiritual practice that leads to new understandings. "Dwelling in the Word" is a practice based on our understanding that God continues to speak to us in the context of our day and calling. Listen for God's voice in scripture to connect with God's mission in Christ. Listen to the voices of others about what God is doing in their lives. This practice is not about gaining information about scripture. Rather, it is about listening to how God is speaking, calling, and sending us to join in Christ's mission to our communities and the world.

Process:

Read the scriptural text and pause for a few minutes to allow time to reflect. Read the passage a second time. Pay attention to words, phrases, or images you are drawn to as you read again.

Consider the following questions: Is there a place I feel drawn to dwell or explore? What words, images, or phrases are speaking to me in this text? What is God's invitation to me in this scripture? What is God's invitation to my congregation in this scripture?

This is a practice of discovery, be expectant that God's mission in Christ is among you as you gain insights from listening to one another and to God.

Resources:

Use scripture, mystical poetry, recent words of council, and other texts to provoke Spirit-led insight and guidance for life and mission.