

Using Scripture Immersion to Catalyze Discipleship

Scripture is central to discipleship, yet common forms of Scripture engagement (such as personal Bible reading and expository preaching) do not necessarily result in spiritual maturity. This session will explore how periodic Scripture immersion experiences can shift peoples' posture towards Scripture and help them to be doers of the Word and not merely hearers.

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I. Centrality of Scripture in Discipleship

- a. Psalm 1:1-3
- b. Psalm 19:7-11
- c. Hebrews 4:11-13

II. Not all Scripture Engagement Results in Spiritual Maturity

- a. Mark 4:14-20
- b. James 1:22-25

III. Soaking in the Word: The Value of Scripture Immersion

"The ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law." (Neh. 8:3)

- a. Case Study Nehemiah 8:1-18
- b. Defining Scripture Immersion
- c. Impacts of Scripture Immersion

IV. Planning Scripture Immersion Experiences

- a. Frequency

- b. Location
- c. Discernment
- d. Schedule

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Suggested Resources

Bob Grahmann, *Transforming Bible Study: Understanding God's Word Like You've Never Read it Before* (IVP)

<https://howto.bible/content/leading-group>

Lindsay Olesberg, *The Bible Study Handbook: A Comprehensive Guide to an Essential Practice* (IVP)