

Elmbrook Discussion Questions

Series: *Simple Living*

Scripture in Practice

Introduction

When you think about reading Scripture, what images come to mind?

Head: *What is the passage saying?*

Read aloud Hebrews 4:12

1. What does this passage teach us about the word of God?
2. What does the word of God reveal about those who read or hear it?
3. Based on this passage, why would someone want to read (or hear) the word of God?

Read aloud 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

1. What do we learn about Scripture?
2. Based on this passage, why would someone want to read (or hear) the word of God?

Read aloud Colossians 3:16-17.

1. What is the message of Christ?
2. Why are psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit included in this list?

Heart: *How does this passage influence my inner being?*

1. Is the practice of Scripture reading (or hearing) something regular in your life?
2. How can you approach Scripture reading in a way that it brings about change in your life?
3. How is God speaking specifically to you through this study?

Hands: *How do I practically live this out?*

Here are some suggestions, or identify your own practical next step.

1. **Talk it out:** Share with someone about what you are reading in the Bible. Take a next step to be less private about your faith, and share about what God is doing in your life.
2. **Read Scripture:** Search out a Bible reading plan, and be diligent to follow the plan. Let someone else know what you're doing. It will help you to follow through.
3. **Study Scripture:** Go another level to be diligent in understanding the Bible. Find a helpful resource(s) to guide you through study. Be sure to study the Bible, not just study the study!
4. **Journal or Draw:** Take time this week to express how God is speaking to you what you are reading (or hearing) in a Bible passage.