

SHAPED BY THE WORD--PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

Discover the richness of Scripture, and learn how to pray and meditate on the Word of God in personal and communal prayer. Shaped by that Word, be prepared to be a more effective minister.

Topics to be covered:

- * A Bit of History
- * A Variety of Forms of Praying with Scripture
- * Some Aids to Praying with Scripture
- * Other Helps
- * Scripture Prayer Experience

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GUIDELINES:

- *Participants sit comfortably in a circle*
- *Pray to the Holy Spirit, ask for guidance and the ability to listen well to what God wants to say to you*
- *One person reads the passage aloud, slowly and prayerfully*
- *Listen for a word or phrase that touches you*
- *Without discussion, each person shares his/her word or phrase*
- *After a pause, another person rereads the passage aloud*
- *This time each person shares an insight, a question, a "wondering," or a way in which this Scripture applies to one's life--discussion may happen this time, but be certain that each person who wants to share has a chance to do so*
- *The passage is read aloud a third time*
- *Each person shares a prayer that grows from listening and sharing God's Word*

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE (MARK 2:13-17)

Jesus went out along the sea.
All the crowd came to him and he taught them.
As he passed by, he saw Levi, son of Alphaeus,
sitting at the customs post.
Jesus said to him, "Follow me."
And he got up and followed Jesus.
While he was at table in his house,
many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples;
for there were many who followed him.
Some scribes who were Pharisees saw that Jesus was eating with sinners
and tax collectors and said to his disciples,
"Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"
Jesus heard this and said to them,
"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do.
I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."