



Engaging Scripture as A Listener

“Before time itself was measured, the Voice was speaking. The Voice was and is God.” -John 1:1

When we approach scripture as a listener, we remember that behind all the words there is a Voice. Our focus becomes to KNOW God, not just to know about Him. When we listen for God’s voice in His Word, the Bible becomes more than just informational, it becomes deeply relational.

1. Read a passage of scripture aloud slowly and ask yourself--

- *Who is God in this passage?
- *What do these words say about His character? His heart?
- *Who am I? What do these words say about how God sees me?
- *And how does that change how I see myself?
- *What is God inviting me to do?
- *How can I obey God’s voice?

2. Read a passage of scripture aloud slowly several times. Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight specific words or ideas. As you read, take note of any words that stand out to you.

- *Do any words or phrases make your heart leap or sing?
- *Ask God why that word/phrase is important?
- *How does it speak to your life?
- *Is there an invitation in it? A challenge? A conviction?

Talk with God about how to respond:

- *How do you want me to apply this word to my life right now?
- *What does it look like for me to obey this word?
- *Is there anyone with whom you want me to share this word?

“What we are looking for in reading the Bible is the ability to turn the two-dimensional words on paper into a three-dimensional encounter with God.” -Scott McKnight