

God Wrote a Book: Engaging God's Word

Opening Discussion

1. How would you rate your level of engagement with God's Word?
2. What keeps you from engaging with God's Word more consistently?
3. What lifestyle changes could help you engage more consistently with God's Word?
4. On a scale of 1-10, how hard is Scripture memory for you?

Because God has revealed Himself to us through the Bible, we have the opportunity and responsibility to engage God's Word.

1. We engage God's Word by hearing the Bible.

Devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture. **1 Timothy 4:13**

- Listen to sermons.
- Use audio Bibles.
- Reading aloud as a family/couple.

2. We engage God's Word by reading the Bible.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

Romans 15:4

- Commit to read the Bible daily. Audio Bibles are good, but they are not the same!
 - Use reading plans.
 - Reading on the phone is not the same as reading a physical book.
- Set aside times for longer periods of reading and prayer.

3. We engage God's Word by studying the Bible.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**

- How to Love the Bible, *Derek Allen*
- Grasping God's Word, *Scott Duvall, Daniel Hays*
- Living By the Book, *Howard Hendricks*

4. We engage God's Word by memorizing the Bible.

I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. **Psalms 119:11**

- Memorize verses.
- Memorize chapters.
- Memorize books.

5. We engage God's Word by applying the Bible.

Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. **James 1:22**

Whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin. **James 4:17**