

A type of “Lectio Divina” for a Group Encounter with God



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Prepares the group:

- Invites group to take a couple of minutes in **silence** to sit comfortably and relax.
- **Invites the Holy Spirit** to lead the group as they open up God’s Word.

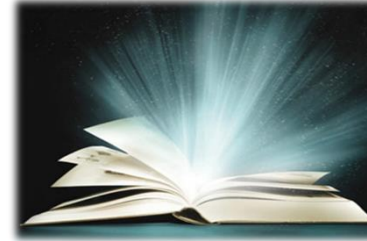
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- **Explains** that they will read the Bible passage through twice slowly and asks each person to identify any word or phrase that catches their attention, seems fresh or stands out.
- **Reads** passage through slowly then leaves a minute’s silence.
- **Reads** passage again.
- Asks each person to **identify the word or phrase** that catches their attention, seems fresh, stands out, and to **share** it very simply, without discussion at this point. (People should feel free to ‘pass’ if they want to)
- Asks someone else to **read** the passage again slowly.
- Asks each person to **think** about how the word or phrase that caught their attention touches their life today.
- Invites people to **share more fully** how the Lord has been speaking to them, leading into a discussion about the Bible passage.

Leads into Prayer:

- Invites people to either **silently talk to God**; responding to what He has spoken to them or leads people into a time of **corporate prayer**.

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