

God's Story and My Life!

How has God revealed Himself to you through His story?

In what ways has God's Word shielded you?

In what ways do you feel that the Spirit has empowered you to understand His Word?

How does discipline impact the strength of the Word in your life?

Record the answer that is either least true (1 & 2), or most true (3 & 4) about you...

- 1 2 3 4 I frequently consult God and His Word when I have a decision to make.
- 1 2 3 4 I am confident in my working knowledge of the Story of God (the Bible).
- 1 2 3 4 The years are finding me faithful to continue to search God's Word with distinct regularity.
- 1 2 3 4 God's Word is honored in my home.
- 1 2 3 4 I share Jesus' life with others.
- 1 2 3 4 I am often excited about God's Word.
- 1 2 3 4 When I have a choice between leisure time and God's Word, I often choose to pursue a deeper understanding of God's Story.

If God's Word is not my priority can I truly say that I am focused on becoming a man or woman of God?!

Reading the God Story!

Reading by itself can be tedious and even boring. Encountering God is never boring, it is life-changing! Meditating on the Scriptures involves placing yourself right into the Story. Once you have taken the time (Encounter) and considered what it meant to the people involved as well as the original hearers (Expose) it is time to apply the truth of the Story to our lives (Enlighten)!

ENCOUNTER the Reference

What does the text reveal? Take the time and have a plan.

EXPOSE the Meaning

What did it mean to the principle characters?
Formulate conclusions about God and man!

ENLIGHTEN your Heart!

What does it mean to me? Pray and expect the Word to change your heart!

Meditating in the Scriptures is a mind, heart, and soul interaction with the Living God through His Son Jesus Christ! It is more than mere intellectual study and so much more than exposure to "right thinking." Christ wants to be engaged in every part of our hearts and minds! As we encounter the reference, expose the meaning, and enlighten our hearts we grow in our listening relationship with the eternal Living God!

