4. Ask Questions

Objective: Learn to meditate on scriptures by asking and answer questions.

1. 15 Minutes of Sharing: How is your quiet time last week?
2. Assignment: Memorize and mediate on Ephesians 4:1 (Have practiced: Context, Key words, Memorizing, Compare different translations, Paraphrasing)

Asking questions of a scripture can help us meditate on the scripture and dig into the scripture. It’s ok if the answer to the question is obvious. It’s also ok if you cannot answer some questions. The process of chewing on the question might open up an opportunity for the Spirit to speak to your heart!

Eph. 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

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| How many questions can you ask? | Can you answer them yourselves?  |
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| NASB | New King James Version  | New Living Translation | The Message |
| Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called | I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called | Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God | In light of all this, here’s what I want you to do. While I’m locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don’t want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don’t want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. |

What does this scripture say to you? How does it apply to your life?

1. Some questions to understand the original meaning of the passage:
2. What’s the main idea? What’s the main teaching?
3. Ｗho is the audience?
4. What feeling does this verse convey?
5. What are the key words? What do they really mean? What do these words imply?
6. Any connecting words such as “therefore”: what’s the context?
7. People’s names: who is this person? What kind of circumstance he/she is in?
8. Locations: where is it? Is this place significant?
9. Does this verse remind you of other scriptures or stories in the Bible?
10. When reading and you aren’t sure if there is anything in the passage that is helpful to you, ask:
11. Is there any sin mentioned that I have also committed?
12. Is there any promise that I can hold onto?
13. Is there a command I need to obey?
14. What can I learn about God?
15. Is there any example that I can follow or avoid?
16. Do I need to make some changes to adjust my life style or relationship in order to live out this verse?
17. Listen for God to speak to you:
18. Before reading, ask God to speak to you.
19. After reading, answer: What did God say to me through the scriptures?
20. What is my response to Him?
21. When you see something in the Bible that you need to do or obey, ask yourself:
22. If I do this, what will it look like in my life?
23. What will make it difficult for me to do it?
24. What is the first step?
25. When will I take the first step?
26. What can I do today to begin?
27. What will I do to help me remember and to help me to be completely obedient?