

LifeGroups Note Sheet

“Scripture and prayer; prayer and Scripture. But the *and* is misleading. Scripture and prayer are not two separate entities. [We are to] fuse them into a single act: scriptureprayer, or prayerscripture. It is this fusion of God speaking to us (Scripture) and our speaking to Him (prayer) that the Holy Spirit uses to form the life of Christ in us.”

Eugene Peterson in *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Prepare and Pray.

With your Bible, pen, notebook and this study guide, find a quiet place to begin your Scripture meditation. Relax physically and focus spiritually. Center your thoughts on God. Begin with a simple prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to speak and reveal God’s Word to you.

Read the Bible passage.

Reflect on each question and write your answer below.

1. What about the passage do you like or find interesting?

2. What questions do you have about the passage?

3. Investigate, with the help of a bible commentary and/or Study Bible notes, and write down any significant insights that help unveil the passage to you. You can use:
- *The IVP New Testament Commentary Series* Online on www.biblegateway.com (on left sidebar click on "Additional Resources", then scroll down and click on "Commentaries." Then scroll down and click on "The IVP New Testament Commentary Series." Scroll down to "Acts", locate desired text and click on it.)

4. What does this passage teach about people? Jesus/God?

People	Jesus/God

Read the Bible passage again.

Reflect and Answer.

5. Now the tables are turned and instead of you asking and answering questions about today's passage, quiet your heart and mind and allow God to speak to you. What is God asking you through this passage?

Pray the Bible passage.

Based on what you sensed God is saying personally to you in the passage, now respond back to God in prayer. Don't worry about whether your prayer is profound or long. It may be only a sentence or two. You might pray a simple prayer, such as "*Show me how...*," "*Thank you for...*," or "*Help me...*" Or you can pray back the words of the passage. The main point is to pray from your heart.