

Bible Study

African Method of Bible Study

1. Have someone read the selected Bible passage slowly.
2. After a brief silence of at least a minute, each person shares the word or phrase that catches her or his attention.
3. Another person reads the same passage (of a different voice or translation or of a different gender, etc.)
4. After a longer silence, each one shares what Jesus/the Gospel says to him or her personally.
5. Another person reads the same passage (again try to vary the voice, translation etc.).
6. After another silent period, each shares what Jesus/the Gospel is saying to the community, “From what I heard and shared, here is what I think that God is saying to us.” “How (and what) does God invite us to change?”
7. When all have spoken who wish to do so, go around the group and each asks for prayer for themselves or for someone else based on what they have heard from the passage.

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