

Session 2: Word & Spirit

FRONTLINE MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Questions

- (1) Which of these two columns are you more comfortable with or have more experience with?
- (2) Which of these two columns are you more concerned about being neglected in the local church?

WORD

SPIRIT

Process	Event
Knowledge	Experience
Sermon	Worship
Intellect	Affections
Reformation	Revival
Obedience to God	Intimacy with God
Principles	Power
Justification	Sanctification
Faith in God	Love for God
Biblically-Informed Wisdom	Spiritually-Imparted Discernment

New Testament Gifts

Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:1-11

Service
Teaching
Encouragement
Generosity
Leadership
Acts of mercy
Words of wisdom
Words of knowledge
Faith
Gifts of Healings
Miracles
Prophecy
Discerning between spirits
Tongues
Interpretation of tongues
Helping
Adminstrating

We can grow in the way we read
Scripture by:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Guidelines for practicing listening
prayer:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

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Exercise: Reading the Bible

The following exercise aims to help you practice embracing both Word and Spirit in your daily life. In the Bible, we find unity of Word and Spirit. The Bible is the very Word of God. Likewise, the Bible was inspired by the Spirit of God. We are going to open our Bibles together and walk through an exercise to help us learn to study the words of the Bible and listen to the Spirit as we read the Bible.

Part 1: Read the Passage

Have a volunteer read Ephesians 3:14-19 aloud for the entire class.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 3:14–19)

Part 2: Listening Prayer

Each person should spend 3 minutes in prayer, quietly listening, and asking the Spirit to speak. As you listen, write down any pictures or impressions God seems to bring to mind. Reflect on the following questions.

- ▶ What word or phrase stands out to you in the passage?
- ▶ As you reflect on the passage, what are you thinking or feeling about God?
- ▶ What might the Spirit be saying to you? What might God want you to know, do, or become?

Part 3: Study

Take 3 minutes to read back through the passage yourself and look for the three things listed here.

As you read on your own, try to write down at least one thing from each category.



A star: anything that shines out in the passage and draws attention—it can be something important, or something that strikes you



A question mark: anything that is hard to understand—something that you would like to be able to ask the author about



An arrow: anything that applies personally to your everyday life

One-to-One Bible Reading: A Simple Guide for Every Christian, David Helm

Part 4: Sharing

Take 5 minutes to each share in turn at your table what the Spirit highlighted for you through this exercise.

You can share a star, a question mark, or an arrow—or any other general sense from the Spirit you are willing to share.

