

GETTING INTO THE WORD – THE 5 P's

TOOL: THE FIVE P'S OF BIBLE STUDY

(Recommendation: Do this early with people to get them into the Word and practice drawing out revelation)

This is a method that Priscilla Shirer uses personally in her life and shared to help others hear God speaking through the pages of Scripture. This helps people have a dialogue with God and allows the Holy Spirit to personalize His Word to the individual.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS!

Expect God to meet you every time you get into the Word! You can use this method with whatever time allotment you have – even if it's just for 10 minutes. It allows you to focus on a few verses at a time so you can really meditate on what it's saying. When you follow all five Ps, you are applying things personally to your situation so revelation will be timely and unique.

The 5 P's of Reading the Word:

1) Position yourself – Position yourself to hear from God.

- Find a place to meet with God and get into His Word – remove distractions and turn your heart and mind towards *WHO* you are positioning yourself to meet with!
- Expect to meet with God.
- Start by praying for God to reveal what He wants you learn as you read. Ask for revelation and wisdom to be highlighted.

2) Pore over and paraphrase – Pore over the passage and paraphrase the major points.

- Read the passage a few times. You may even want to read it in a few different versions. Read it multiple times and paraphrase the words you read.
- Look for the who, what, when, where and why of the verse to understand the context.
- The goal is to go for quality over quantity here – so, don't just scan it; meditate on it.

3) Pull out the spiritual principles – Spiritualize the points that you just paraphrased.

- What is God teaching?
- What is He revealing about Himself?
- Is there a command, promise, characteristic of God, or something to be learned?

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4) Pose the questions – Form personally directed questions for each of the spiritual principles identified.

- Are you heeding His commands or following the directives that were highlighted?
- Do you believe the promise or characteristics of God that are portrayed here?
- What does it reveal about God's character?
- Also, remember that conviction is a good thing, but it's always paired with grace; condemnation is never from God.

5) Plan obedience – *"God does not speak to be heard, He speaks to be obeyed."*

- What is your obedience or internal response to what you read and pulled out?
- Your response should be personal – this is where application comes into play and spiritual transformation takes place.
- Plan obedience and pin down a date to obey.

Additional support: Here is a link to Priscilla Shirer explaining the method of the 5 Ps of Bible study in a YouTube video: [linked here](#).