Scripture Engagement

Over the last two months, we have seen various Scriptures instructing us on how to engage through Meditating, Reflecting, Looking Intently, Dwelling, Pondering, Considering, and Eating (digesting each word) on God's Word and how each word or verse affects us in knowing God's plan for us and His Glory.

Meditation is a way one can we can interact with the Bible.

Reflecting on the text, we can come closer to understanding what it means to us.

Looking Intently into God's Word, we dig deep into the Word and ask ourselves how they impact our life.

Letting God's word **Dwell** in us means we spend time reading Scripture, memorizing it, and letting it change our hearts, words, and behavior. Doing that impacts three areas of our lives: what we teach, how we counsel, and the way we Worship God. (New Spring Church Devotional)

To **Ponder** means to reflect deeply, consider, or meditate upon something. In the context of God's Word, it involves contemplating its meaning, recognizing God's work in our lives, and being receptive to His wisdom and guidance through Scripture.

Consider or Consideration is careful think about something. When studying the Word of God, consideration is when we read His Word, we take time to consider how they affect us in our walk with Christ and learning and obeying what He has commanded.

What does it mean to **eat** the Word of God? We know that food keeps are bodies functioning, but to eat the Word of God? Just as we digest our food and distribute its nutrition to our body, when we consume the Word of God, the Word nourishes our spiritual knowledge of what God has required of us.

In September, Bible verses were provided for you to engage in. If you haven't, that's all right. During the month of October, you are to choose a Bible verse that you personally want to engage in. A blank journal page is provided, complete it all or what you feel is necessary.

The goal is to have a weekly classroom discussion before each Sunday Service and for those who cannot attend on a weekly basis, a once-a-month discussion will be held at the end of each month. The dates for these classroom discussions will be announced in the near future.

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Choose a verse that is short in nature at first, then as you grow in spiritual engagement, you can expand. Use some or all the ways the Bible has shown us how to engage in the Word of God. Remember, always pray first, asking for the Holy Spirt to guide you during your engagement in His Word.

>	Write the verses that stood out to you.
>	Jot any questions you have about the passage.
>	List some action steps for yourself based on your reading.
>	Write a praise to God for a promise that was meaningful to you.
>	Write a prayer for yourself or others that was prompted by the passage.
>	Write a confession because you've fallen short of an action in the passage.
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