

THE INTIMATE GOD

CHAPTER 5

Engaging in Scripture

GROUP LEADER

Spend some time talking about how the exercises this past week went. How was your experience of praying through the Lord's Prayer? What have you been hearing the Lord whisper to your heart this past week?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In your spiritual journey, what has been your personal experience of engaging with the Bible, both positive and negative?
2. Read John 5:36-40. What is Jesus' rebuking the Pharisees for doing or not doing?
3. Contrast that with the response of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after Jesus opened the Scriptures to them in Luke 24:25-32. How would you summarize the difference between the two responses to the Word?
4. According to Jesus in both of these passages, what is the primary point of the Bible? How should this impact how we engage with the Bible?

5. Have a few people in the group read out loud Psalm 1:1-4 from a few different translations. Take some time to tease out this analogy of chaff versus a tree planted by streams of water. What is resonating with your heart as you read/hear/look at this passage?

6. How would you articulate what it means to meditate on Scripture?

7. What impact might “slowing down” in a passage have on your experience in the Word?

8. How will you make meditation a more regular part of your spiritual journey?