**Methods of Meditation**

* *Choose an impactful verse/passage*
* *Reread and rewrite the verse/passage*

*11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
    yes, I will remember your wonders of old. 12 I will ponder all your work,
    and meditate on your mighty deeds.*

-- Psalm 77:11-12

*Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee*

*Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee*

*Ponder anew what the Almighty can do*

*If with His love He befriend thee*

 - Joachim Neander, “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

**Meeting with God Core Seminar Schedule**

Week 1: Introduction: The What, Why and How of Meeting with God

Week 2: Meeting with God in His Word: Hearing and Reading

Week 3: Meeting with God in His Word: Studying, Meditating and Memorizing

Week 4: Meeting with God through Prayer

Week 5: Prayer: Hindrances and Practicalities

Week 6: Panel

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***Core Seminars—Meeting with God***

**Class 3: Meeting with God in His Word,**

 **Part 2**

**Two Basic Inferences**

* We can meet with God
* We should meet with God

**Quiet Time**

A quiet time is the part of the day that we set aside for the worship of God, for the reading of the Word of God and for fellowship with God so that we would know Him more, know ourselves in light of Him, and know the world according to His perspective.

**Five Means of Bible Intake**

1. Hearing the Bible
2. Reading the Bible
3. Studying the Bible
4. Memorizing the Bible
5. Meditating on the Bible

*1 Blessed is the man
    who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
    nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
    and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*3 He is like a tree
    planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
    and its leaf does not wither.
In all that he does, he prospers.*

-- Psalm 1:1-3

**Studying the Bible**

***10****For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel.*

-- Ezra 7:10

**What we need to study the Bible**

1. A heart of prayer and humility
* Humble hearts are guided by the Holy Spirit
	+ - John 14:26
* Humble hearts are amazed by God
	+ - Romans 11:33-36
1. A Bible – everything you need is in the text.

**Inductive Bible study: observe, interpret, apply**

1. **Observe – 6 Questions**

**WHO** is speaking?

**WHO** is the audience?

**WHAT** is he saying?

**WHY** is he telling them this?

**HOW** does he make his appeal?

1. **Interpret**
* Remember that context rules
* Always seek the full counsel of God
* Look for the single meaning of the passage
1. **Apply**
* James 1:22

Inductive study practice**:** Romans 12:1

*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.*

**Memorizing the Bible**

**Benefits** **of Memorizing Scripture**

* Victory over ­­­sin
	+ - Psalm 119:9-11
* Victory over Satan
	+ - Matthew 4:4
* Preparation for witnessing and counseling
	+ - Proverbs 25:11

**Tips for Memorizing Scripture**

1. Pray
2. Set aside time
3. Repeat the text
4. Review
5. Have a plan
6. Memorize word for word

**Meditating on the Bible**

***8****This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

-- Joshua 1:8

“A holy exercise of the mind whereby we bring the truths of God to remembrance, and do seriously ponder upon them and apply them to ourselves.”

* + - * Thomas Watson

Meditation goal: not to *empty* our minds, but to *fill* them God’s truth