

## Dwelling in the Word

### Instructions

1. Have copies of the selected text from the Bible available for everyone.
2. Select two people ... one female and one male, if possible ... to read the text aloud.
3. Have the first reader read the text slowly.
4. Before the second reading, ask everyone to keep these questions in mind while they listen:
  - a. **As you listened to the text, where did your curiosity cause you to land for a moment?**
  - b. **What insight or God moment did you experience as you think about the text?**
  - c. **How is the Holy Spirit nudging you?**
5. Have the second reader read the text slowly.
6. Ask everyone to spend a few minutes in silence to ponder the three questions.
7. Ask that everyone find someone in the room . . . if possible, someone new they do not know well . . . have them sit together, facing each other.
8. Each person gives the other 2-3 minutes to respond to the question. The goal is to listen attentively and without any interruption. The practice is one of focused attention - to listen attentively to the other. This is not a time to have a back and forth conversation, but rather, to listen to the other person only.
9. Be sure that each person has time to speak and to listen to the other.
10. Invite people to share with the larger group: **introduce the person they listened to, and share what they heard that person say in response to the questions.**