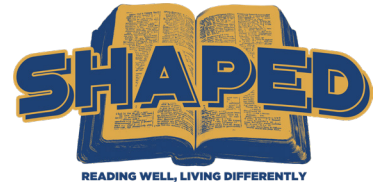


EXERCISE

Living the Word



Every session has been building toward living a life genuinely shaped by Scripture. This final exercise takes you through the complete method — Observation, Interpretation, and Application — on your own from start to finish.

Full Method — From Text To Life

Your passage:

“And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)

Observation — What does it say?

- Read the passage three times before answering the following questions.
- Who is being described? What is happening to them?
- What words or images stand out?
- Write at least two questions you have from the text, before looking anything up.

Interpretation — What does it mean?

- Work toward meaning on your own first. You can check a commentary afterward to confirm or correct.
- In your own words, what was Paul trying to communicate to his original audience?
- Apply the test: Is this interpretation true for the original audience? A suffering believer? Someone in a different culture or time period? Is it true for you?

Application — Why does it matter?

- Use the SPECK framework. You may not have something in every category — spend your time on what the Spirit is surfacing most.

S — Is there a sin to confess or a pattern to turn from?

P — Is there a promise here you need to rest in right now?

E — Is there an example of faithfulness to follow?

C — Is there a command here — something to start or stop?

K — What does this passage show you about who God is?

Your One Specific Next Step

Before you close this page, write how you will respond to what you studied this week. It can be anything from a worshipful heart posture, a belief to embrace, or an action you will take.

“I will _____ because God is _____.”

Consider discussing your experience with your small group: The teaching said: “The way that we live is the best and final measure of the effectiveness of our Bible reading.”

What do you want to be different about your life based on how you read Scripture going forward?