



Episcopal Diocese
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Dwelling in the Word

“Dwelling in the Word” is a method of praying with Scripture that invites us to engage with God’s word personally. Rather than *thinking about the text*, by praying Scripture we *engage our imaginations and open our hearts* to dwell with the text. As we dwell in the Word, we wonder about what God is up to so that we might join with what God is up to in the world. The simple process is as follows

- Begin with prayer, asking God to open our hearts to God’s Word for us today.
- Identify two people who will read the passage out loud.
- The first person reads the passage very slowly and clearly so that the listeners can fully hear it.
- Invite listeners to consider “What word or phrase captures your attention?” Share with the group.
- The second person read the passage again.
- Invite listeners to consider “What is God saying to me today in this passage?” Share with the group.
- End with prayer, thanking God for revealing insights and implications for your life of faith.