

Dwelling in the Word

Opening prayer: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life; which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
(taken from the ELW pg. 72)

Read the passage twice.....leave time for a few minutes of silence/meditation after each reading.

2 Timothy 1:1-7

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline

Look for a non-threatening stranger in the room and pair up. Complete the following phrases and listen carefully. When we come back together as a group, you will be asked to share what you heard from your partner, not what you said.

1. What captured your imagination?
2. What question would you like to ask a Bible scholar?

Come back to the group and share what you heard your conversation partner say in response to the above questions.

Closing Prayer: Direct us, Lord God, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and extend to us your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. *(taken from the ELW pg. 86)*