

Dwelling in the Word Guide

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Dwelling in the Word is a practice that may be used to help in communal discernment. It is an intentional practice...hopefully, a habit. It involves **reflection** (deep listening to one another AND to God's Word), **patience** (reading a text multiple times and anticipating new insights), and **faith** that God will be revealed and the Holy Spirit will guide.

After reading the text for the first time, consider and share briefly on the following question:

- Where did you find yourself stopping? What words, phrases or ideas stuck out for you?

After reading the text for the second time, consider and share briefly on the following question:

- What questions arose for you as you heard the reading?

After reading the text for the third time, consider and share briefly on the following question:

- What does this mean for us today? Is there a word from the Spirit?

Suggested texts for Dwelling in the Word:

- Psalm 148
- Genesis 12:1-9
- John 17:10-19
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-6:1