

# Scripture Dialogue

If you think of scripture as God's love- letters to His people, it is easy to see the value in dialoguing on a passage from the Bible. Dialogue is important for examining all areas of our life. Although scripture dialogue is not intended to be used daily, choosing a weekly dialogue, centered on the Sunday readings, may help to bring those scriptures alive in a whole new way.

**Process:** Read aloud the scripture passage you have chosen. This could be from the Sunday readings, a favorite scripture or topic, or even opening the Bible and letting the Spirit lead you. Next, you might work together to set the scene, using whatever details that will bring the scripture alive for you. Time of day? Atmosphere? Who is present at the scene? You? Jesus? Next, formulate a question such as "How do I feel when I hear this scripture passage?" or "How do I feel hearing Jesus saying these words to me (or to us)?" or "What do I hear this passage saying to me today? HDIFAT?"

**Write:** Separate to write. Keep your thoughts, opinions, or judgments about the scripture to only 2 or 3 sentences, . Focus the majority of your love letter on describing your strongest feeling.

**Exchange:** Exchange your love letters..

**Dialogue:** Choose the strongest feeling from the two love letters and then explore that one feeling in your verbal dialogue. Remember, dialogue is much different than a Bible Study exercise, so be extra careful to focus on your strongest feeling about the question rather than trying to analyze the meaning of the passage.

**Select:** End by selecting a date and/or a scripture passage for your next scripture dialogue.