

Best for

Those who learn best by speaking rather than reading.

Concept

Imagine people leaving church having so engaged with the Bible that the text continues to transform them after Sunday.

Originally developed to help people engage with the Bible who learn best through speaking rather than reading, Talk the Word follows a process of listening to a few verses then re-telling those to the person sitting next to you. This is followed by a series of open questions about the passage, leading to a deeper understanding of God's Word.

Features

- Easy to use and can be applied to any part of the Bible.
- Memorisation of the text allows the Bible to impact people long after the study.
- Interactive Bible study method that truly involves people regardless of their background or knowledge of the Bible.

Method

Preparation

Choose a Bible passage to study: Stories, parables and poetry work really well. Ideally, the text should be 10 verses or less.

Take some time to consider the context of the passage.

Leader memorises and practices "Talking the Word" before the study: make it memorable!

Think about the words to emphasise, and use your face and whole body to express the text as you speak!

The Study

- Pray to begin, that God would speak through his word, and that everyone would hear.
- Outline the process: Bibles and scripts put away! This study involves listening, remembering and repeating the Bible passage we hear.
- Briefly introduce the context of the passage.
- Leader recites the text twice.
- Get folk into pairs, with one person repeating as much of the text as they can remember.
- Leader recites the text a third time, leaving gaps for everyone to shout out the missing word or phrase.
- Back into pairs, with the other person repeating as much of the text as they can remember.
- Leader recites the text one final time, again leaving gaps.

Questions

1. What did you like about this passage?
 2. What didn't you like about this passage?
 3. What does this passage teach us about the heart of humanity?
 4. What does this passage teach us about the heart of God?
 5. How can this story be applied to my life?
- Close in prayer, asking that God would continue to speak through His Word, and that hearing, we would delight to respond.