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**1. Read Pick a passage.** To begin with, choose any of the Psalms or a passage in one of the Gospels. After inviting the Holy Spirit to come and guide you, read the passage slowly, out loud if you can. Read it twice with one minute of silence in between.

*Group: Ask a couple of different people to read the passage with a minute of silence in between*

**2 .Relish** We could use the word ‘reflect’ here also, but relish describes more what we’re aiming for at this stage. Meditating on the passage you have read, savour one word or phrase that you have noticed more than others during your reading. Write this word down and begin pondering what God might be saying to you through this. How is this word speaking to your life?

*Group: After a moment of resting in the passage, encourage the group to simply say the word/phrase they noticed – nothing more and nothing less. As they do, simply encourage them to ponder what God might be saying to them or the group (but at this stage no-one speaks out anything more than one word or phrase.)*

**3. Re-read Read the passage one more time.**

**4. Respond** Speak out in prayer what you sense God is saying to you. Tell Him how you feel encouraged, challenged by what He is saying to you and ask that the seed of His word in your heart would develop deep rooted truth that would lead to fruitfulness in your life.

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**2**I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress,  
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