



TEACHING METHODS

Praying the Scriptures

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR

IN-PERSON TEACHING:

- PRINT OUTS OF SCRIPTURE TEXT
- A/V EQUIPMENT
- INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC/VIDEO

MATERIALS NEEDED FOR

VIRTUAL TEACHING:

- POWERPOINT SLIDES SCRIPTURE TEXT AND QUESTIONS
- INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC/VIDEO

EMPOWERING LEARNING:

- CONNECTS PRAYER AND STUDY
- REFLECT ON GOD'S MESSAGE FOR THE INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF COMMUNITY
- ALLOW HEARTS TO BE CHANGED

DESCRIPTION

Praying the scriptures in the context of a bible study allows participants to examine their hearts and to consider God's message to them, while also engaging in exegetical study within a community. The focus is on praying and listening to the text. Discussion and lecture are used minimally to supplement and enhance reflection.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR IN-PERSON TEACHING

Determine the text for study and teaching proposition for your lesson. Read the scripture carefully, asking participants to meditate on words or phrases that are important to them. Then invite participants to share their insights. Pray the text again, followed by historical study of the text and a consideration of its meaning. Pray the text again and meditate on its meaning. Share insights and commitments for living differently. Close in prayer. Play instrumental music as desired during meditative times.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VIRTUAL TEACHING

Determine the text for study and teaching proposition for your lesson. Read the scripture carefully, asking participants to meditate on words or phrases that are important to them. Then invite participants to share their insights. Pray the text again, followed by historical study of the text and a consideration of its meaning. Pray the text again and meditate on its meaning. Share insights and commitments for living differently. Close in prayer. Play instrumental music as desired during meditative times. Post the text in the chat or by sharing a screen.

IDEAS FOR USING THIS METHOD

- To break up the monotony of discussion and lecture based Bible study series.
- To invite reflection and introspection.