

# The Word of God is like A Lion to be released.

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A 12-part series designed to introduce and release  
the liveliness of the Word into our daily walk

God gave us his Word not primarily as a textbook to turn us into Bible students. He gave it as a doorway of access to him. It's not simply to inform us about God, but to involve us with him. The Word isn't dried ink on paper but rather a living, transforming force. Yes, it is words to be read but also a voice to be heard and seen.

These exercises will move us from the dried ink on paper stance, into the spoken and heard mode, and then the voice who is seen.

Both right and left brain will be used. Commentaries aren't encouraged. Knowledge isn't our primary goal, nor is memorization, though you will find Scripture popping into your conversations like never before.

## The Word woven into the fabric of life is the goal.

- Joining with others amplifies this experience with a facilitator designated for each week to prepare materials and props.
- Complete only one session per week.
  - Give the Spirit time to speak.
- Do all the activities. Make the props.
  - Visuals, smells, sounds, etc. are important.
- Consider/ponder all the scriptures listed.

Written to be read --- Spoken to be heard --- Voice to be seen

## Hopes for Our Time Together

-- To ignite a passionate hunger for the Word of God, raising the expectation of personally hearing it spoken.

Psalm 119:103, 105, 127

-- To provide tools for an interactive relationship with the Word of God, to  **dwell**  richly in it.

Jeremiah 15:16 Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 4:12

-- To move into a conversational relationship with God, using the "Word," since it is his spoken language.

1Corinthians 2:7-13

-- To fit the Word upon our eyes as corrective lenses, bringing into focus the Kingdom of God, the truest reality.<sup>1</sup>

2 Cor. 4:18, Psalm 119:18, Luke 24:31-32

-- To convince us of the value of waiting, silence, being still, to receive the Word to build a quality relationship.

Habakkuk 2:1-3, Zechariah 2:13

-- To enable us to stand with courage, confident in all circumstances, as the Word puts steel in our backbone.

Abram, Nathan, Mary, Luther, Moody

?? Quickly brainstorm to complete these with many answers.<sup>1</sup>

**Word of God is....**

**Lion symbolizes....**

**Released to do what.....**

**God's Word in the Old Testament did.....**

**God's Word in the New Testament did.....**

### **Prepare to "eat" it.**

"They (God's people) will follow the Lord; He will roar like a lion. When He roars, his children will come trembling from the west. They will come trembling like birds from Egypt, like doves from Assyria. I will settle them in their homes, declares the Lord."

Hosea 11:10-11 NIV

?? Quickly give answers to these questions:

--How would you respond to a lion roar? Why?

--How do you respond to God's voice? Compare to lion.

--What would "settle in your home" look like for you?

--What are the activities, emotions, accessories of home?

--Could "home" be the Word of the Lord? Picture that.

--What accessories, activities, emotions, could make the Word more homey? More comfortable? More inviting?

### Assignment:

Choose a scripture passage for use these next weeks. Not too long, about 5 - 10 verses or so...a story, a psalm, something familiar or something new.

My scripture is:\_\_\_\_\_

(If doing the study with others, designate one person as next week's facilitator. Each person should send his Scripture choice to that person so cards can be prepared.)

### **Preparation for Session #2**

Print on stiff paper and/or laminate the following:

--A credit card size copy of each person's chosen Scripture. Will likely require front and back to fit Scripture. You will keep your own Scripture card with you for the next 11 weeks, perhaps in a wallet.

--Bookmarks, one for each person which says:  
"I AM" speaking to you.

<sup>1</sup> Word of God is: written, flesh, Jesus, Bible, Spirit, fire, hammer, sword, truth, unchanging, able to discern  
Lion symbolizes: power, rule, fearful, exciting, regal  
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God's Word in NT did: stilled the storm, healed, cast out demons, raised the dead, cleansed, convicted sin, changed Zacchaeus