

Key for Acronyms

DIFALD = Describe in full and loving detail

HDIF = How do I feel. . .?

HDIFA = How do I feel about. . .?

HDIFAT = How do I feel about that?

HDMAMMF = How does my answer make me feel?

HDTMMF = How does that make me feel?

MMF = . . .make me feel?

WAMFA = What are my feelings about. . .?

WAMFAT = What are my feelings about that?

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1).

This Scripture passage tells us that the Word IS God. In our Bible, we have God present in a special way. We like to think of Scripture as God’s love letters... written to us and for us... to reveal Jesus and ourselves in relationship with Him. Scripture dialogue is a tool – a means of responding to the love letters of our Father. Couples need not fear Scripture dialogue questions because of unfamiliarity with Scripture. You will gain much from dialoguing on the Word of God to help your growth as a couple. Experience the growth your heavenly Father desires for your relationship. God IS love. And being in relationship is *His desire for us*.

The basics of Scripture dialogue are:

1. Select a passage from Scripture that is meaningful to you as a couple.
2. Read enough before and after that particular passage to be able to “place” your passage as far as chronological sequence in the events of Jesus’ life (or of events before or after Christ) and as far as the physical setting.
3. With one another, try to set the scene – from the outside in.
 - physical setting, time of day, indoors, outdoors
 - emotional climate of the passage – the atmosphere
 - zero in on God, the characters, and yourself – Where are you in this scene? What do you see? What do you hear? Who or what do you identify with?
4. Re-read your particular passage.
5. Write your love letter immediately. The basic question for Scripture dialogue is, “What are my feelings hearing Jesus say these words to us as a couple?” Focus on your feelings. How do I feel? How do I feel about my spouse? Our relationship? How do I feel about Jesus? What feelings has He stirred up in me? Feel the atmosphere we have brought alive, and respond to it.
6. Follow dialogue technique for writing, exchange, dialogue and select. Read each other’s letters twice. In your dialogue, focus on responding to one another’s love letter.
7. Discussion later could be focused on “What did His words mean to me?” or how His words make me think about our life, and how I would like to live them, how His words affect my attitudes with you and with Him. Don’t worry about being right.

Questions

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. HDIFA dialoguing on the Sunday scriptures? DIFALD2. HDIF reflecting on the Scriptures used at today's worship service? DIFALD3. John 15:164. John 14:235. I Kings, 19:9 and 11-136. Matthew 6:5-87. Matthew 5: 14, 158. Matthew 6:9-159. Matthew 13:14,1510. Matthew 7:22-2311. I Samuel 3:7-1012. Matthew 18:19-2013. Matthew 10:3214. John 13:34-3515. John 14:15-1716. John 15:517. John 15:818. John 15:1719. Matthew 5:2320. Mark 10:13-1421. Matthew 17:19-2122. I Timothy 4:4-523. Matthew 13:35-3624. John 8:725. Genesis 126. Genesis 227. Ephesians 128. Ephesians 429. I Samuel 3:1-1830. Hosea 2:16-25 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">31. Hosea 11:1-532. Luke 15:11-3233. Psalm 13934. Matthew 6:1-3435. John 14:1-736. John 14:9-1437. John 15:1-438. John 15:13-1539. Mark 2:1-540. Matthew 21:12-1741. Matthew 21:18-2242. Mark 9:14-2943. Mark 12:38-4044. Luke 1:8-2245. Luke 6:12-1646. Luke 19:45-4847. Luke 20:45-4748. Luke 22:39-4649. John 14:18-2050. John 15:1151. I James 1:1752. John 17:6-953. John 14:2154. John 14:2755. John 15:9, 1056. John 15:1257. John 17:20-23 |
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