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## EPISODE 18: HOW TO LEAD NIGHT 5

### SUMMARY FOR WORD AND SPIRIT NIGHT

In this episode, we talk about both our conviction in employing the words of Scripture in the making of disciples and the mechanics for how we lead gospel conversations that help women to understand, believe, and live the text.

### THIS NIGHT IS A SUCCESS IF:

- We grow deeper in our conviction that the Spirit works through the words of Scripture as we hear, love, believe, mediate on, submit to, and apply them in our lives and the lives of those we are discipling.
- A passionate desire is birthed in us to relentlessly embed the Word in all our discipleship conversations and settings.
- We grow more confident in our ability to approach, understand, teach, and apply a text of Scripture in a one-on-one or gospel community setting.

### WORD

Prior to the night, please read and reflect on 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

“But as for you,  
continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed,  
knowing from whom you learned it, and  
how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings,  
which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

All Scripture is  
breathed out by God and  
profitable  
for teaching,

for reproof,  
for correction, and  
for training in righteousness,  
that the man of God may be complete,  
equipped for every good work.”

As a part of this reflection, please watch the video at the following link. Watching it 2 or 3 times might help catch all of the richness of the exposition of this text!

- <http://www.desiringgod.org/labs/breathed-out-by-god>

Think on these questions:

- How many reasons do you see for giving ourselves to loving and living in and employing Scripture in our discipleship of women? What are they?
- Look at the list in [2 Timothy 3:16](#). Are they four different benefits or four ways of saying the same thing? If different, how would you define each?
- What is the one command in this text and what would it look like to obey it?
- How does the following chain display a gospel-centered understanding of the power of the Word to spur us into holy living? inspired Bible > teaching/wisdom/doctrine > FAITH IN CHRIST > good works/righteousness > salvation

## LEADING A GOSPEL CONVERSATION IN THE WORD

### 1: PRAYER

Approach the Word reverently, humbly, dependently, expectantly.

### 2: CONTEXT

Make sure everyone is oriented to the text properly.

- Where is this text in the redemptive story?
- What genre of literature is this?
- Who did the Spirit inspire to write these words?
- What was the occasion of their writing?
- Who would have been the original readers/receivers of these words?

### 3: UNDERSTAND

Led by the Spirit we engage the words of Scripture together, asking:

- What does the Spirit want us to *know*?

- What does this text *say*? What does it *mean*?

Read the text out loud at least once, and lead a conversation that gets at the big idea(s) of the text, working the following questions as appropriate:

- What are the key words, what do they mean, and how do they go together?
- Are there indicatives, i.e. truth statements to be believed?
- Are there imperatives, i.e. commands to be obeyed?
- What is the tone of the text?
- Is there a surprise in the text? A tension?
- What do these words teach us about who God is and what He's done? i.e. His character, ways, law, gospel, means of grace, Jesus, etc.
- What do these words teach us about who are we and how we are to live? i.e. our nature, sinfulness, weakness, responsibility, calling, etc.
- What are the "big ideas" or "gospel truths" of this text? How would we express them in everyday English?

#### 4: BELIEVE

Led by the Spirit, we assess our lives in light of these words, asking:

- What does the Spirit want us to *feel*?
- How does my actual life accord/not accord with the truth/implications of these words?

Listen for the heart as people share where they are in regard to the truth that's been discovered. Work from fruit (surface sin) to root (unbelief). Encourage repentance from sin or self-righteousness.

#### 5: LIVE

Led by the Spirit, we pursue glad obedience, asking:

- What does the Spirit want us to *do*?
- How can my life look different in response to this truth?

Ask and answer the question: If these words are true, what changes in my life this week? In this session we talk about the skill of applying the gospel in the making of disciples. We do this on two fronts. One is calling women away not only from outright sin but also from self-righteousness and toward gospel belief, repentance, and obedience. Two is freely and directly addressing sin in a way that is redemptive.

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