

Improving Teaching Skills Using 7 Marks of Vibrant Manuscript Study

Goals of Manuscript Bible Study:

- Individuals and community meet Jesus in the Word
- Increased motivation and skills for studying the Bible
- Response to the Word that leads to transformation

Mark of Vibrancy	Enhanced by Teacher's Preparation Before the Study	Enhanced by Teacher's Skills During the Study
<p>Narrative in High Def. –</p> <p>The narrative of the text is memorable and impacting.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Observe thoroughly •Know the characters and dynamics •Envision scene •Understand points of tension •Research (first readers/cultural background, etc.) •Create frame •Write a succinct summary that captures punch of the text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Provide an effective frame •Read text out loud •Help participants “observe from within” •Sharpening questions to highlight tension •Give mini-summaries of drama along the way •Re-read portions of text •Capture tension and drama of text in final summary
<p>Both Discovery and Clarity –</p> <p>Understanding the text comes through a dynamic process that is text and participant driven.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Observe thoroughly •Depth of interpretation •Understand structure of passage •Research (first readers/cultural background, etc.) •Create frame •Clarity about core message •Hone TIGHT interpretative questions* •Plan pacing Prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Confidence in power of Word •Provide an effective frame •Judicious use of knowledge •Integrate group's questions with prepared questions •Ask group if they agree or disagree •Release agenda •3 eyes (text, group, Holy Spirit) •Effective pacing •Resist Socratic questions •Listen well •Concise summary
<p>Great Questions –</p> <p>Well stated questions guide a dynamic process.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Observe thoroughly •Know the characters and dynamics •Envision scene •Depth of interpretation •Identify tensions and hinge points •Understand structure of passage •Hone TIGHT interpretative questions* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Restate group's questions clearly and concisely •Integrate group's questions with prepared questions •Listen well •Ask group if they agree or disagree •Resist Socratic questioning •Release agenda •Effective pacing

<p>Compelling Summary –</p> <p>Participants can remember the core message of the text and are motivated to apply it.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Clarity about core message •Write a succinct summary that captures punch of the text •Prepare stories for illustration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Listen well •Identify weighty comments •Adjust summary to fit group’s experience with text •Deliver with conviction •Core message made clear and memorable
<p>Transformative Application –</p> <p>Participants are motivated and empowered to grow as disciples because of their encounter with God through his Word.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Reflect about participants •Intercession and listening prayer •Know the characters and dynamics of text •Envision scene •Depth of interpretation •Clarity about core message •Write a breadth of application questions (4-6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Release agenda •3 eyes (text, group, Holy Spirit) •Listen well •Identify weighty comments •Adjust summary to fit group’s experience with text •Deliver with conviction •Core message made clear and memorable •Real-time discernment •Effective pacing
<p>Healthy Group Dynamics –</p> <p>The communal experience is life-giving for all participants.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Build relationships •Warmth and vision for community in invitation •Anticipate make-up of group •Prayer •Hone TIGHT interpretive questions* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hospitality and atmosphere •Foster community around Word •Create safety •Provide ground rules •Winsome discipline •Encouragement •Good use of time and modes of interaction (individual, pairs, small group, large group) •Effective pacing
<p>Impact Empowered by the Holy Spirit –</p> <p>Participants encounter the living God through his living Word.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Depth of life with Jesus •Conviction about power of the Word •Discernment in text selection •Reflection about participants •Intercession and listening prayer •Apply text before teaching •Write a breadth of application questions (4-6) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3 eyes (text, group, Holy Spirit) •Release agenda •Listen well •Adjust summary to fit group’s experience with text •Deliver summary with conviction •Real-time discernment of application direction •Effective pacing •Follow-up with individuals

*TIGHT interpretive questions
 Text-dependent
 Interesting
 promote Group discussion
 Highlight tensions
 Tie observations or sections together