

DIGGING DEEP

STEP 1: Identify the “Take-Aways”:

In each study, God impresses something on our hearts that hits home; something that when it is heard we say, *“That right there is for me”*.

Make a note of it. Highlight it. Circle it. Put a big asterisk by it. Somehow identify it as a special nugget from God just for you, for such a time as this. For some of us, we may have more than one in any given study... great! Jot them down... don't forget them. This is just the beginning.

STEP 2: Application -- *“Information without application will never produce transformation”*.

- . Now that we have identified the “Take-Aways”; those special nuggets of God that we took note of, we need to *apply* them to our every day lives. What does God want us to see, and more than that... to be?
- . **COMMUNION** - Each time we “handle” the Word of God, it should have an effect on us. It should elicit an upward response from us; a desire to connect with God.

Question 1: *How does this Take-Away effect my relationship with God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?*

Question 2: *Is there a Sin to confess? A promise to claim? An example to follow? A command to keep?*

Question 3: *What steps, changes or resolutions should I be making to actively mobilize these truths in my life in order to enrich my relationship with God?*

- 2. **COMMUNITY** - Each time we come into contact with the Living Word, it should not only effect our relationship with the Divine, but also our relationship to and with the redeemed of the Lord (His Body).

Question 1: *How does this Take-Away impact my interaction with, and participation in, the Body of Christ; how am I supposed to relate to and function within the dynamics of His family?*

Question 2: *What does it teach me about my responsibility and purpose as a member of His Church (universal) and of this body of believers we call Metro (local)?*

Question 3: *Is there something from the study that God tells me to do or not to do with regard to how I relate to His children?*

3. **CHARACTER** - God has designed His Word to DEFINE our moral and ethical actions and reactions -- to shape our hearts and conform our minds into the image and nature of the One who purchased our salvation.

Question 1: *How does God want to use this Take-Away to inform and define my character? How/who does He want me to be?*

Question 2: *How am I to live; to think; to act; to walk as a redeemed child of God interacting with a broken and fallen world?*

Question 3: *How does this define how I am to function as a child of God, a father/mother, a husband/wife, employee and servant-leader in my everyday life?*

4. **THE GREAT COMMISSION** - God has called us to be present and be intentional in making disciples of men.

Question 1: *How does this Take-Away assist or encourage my participation with this mission?*

Question 2: *What direction or insight does this Take-Away give me in fulfilling this Divine Directive?*