

FACILITATION HELP: REINING IN THE TANGENT.

Sometimes conversations can take a left turn. One interesting comment somewhat related to the question you just posed sparks a thought loosely related to that one. Then the associations rush through the group until everyone is laughing and no one knows how you started talking about whatever you were talking about. Many times those tangents are really good, even necessary, to address serious questions your students have. Even laughter can be a welcome break during a heavy discussion. But when they become distracting and unhelpful to the growth of the group, it's time to rein it in. It is your job to gently but firmly jump in and restate the question to refocus the group on the topic at hand.

**STUDENT LESSON
VIDEO**

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**CORE
CONCEPTS**

A disciple reflects on and responds to God's Word on a regular basis in order to live as God intends.

ESSENTIALS QUESTION: WHAT IS THE BIBLE? 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17, HEBREWS 4:12

STUDENT DISCUSSION 1:

WHAT DOES THE WORD MEDITATE MEAN ACCORDING TO THE BIBLE?

STUDENT DISCUSSION 2:

HOW IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD'S WORD LIKE THAT OF A TREE TO WATER?

Reread Psalm 1.

STUDENT DISCUSSION 3:

USING SCRIPTURE, HOW WOULD YOU EXPLAIN GOD'S PLAN TO REDEEM AND RESTORE US TO A NONBELIEVER? (John 3:16, Revelation 4:8, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, Romans 5:8, Acts 16:31, 1 Corinthians 15:13-14)

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CONCLUDE YOUR DISCUSSION WITH:

- » **ACTION PLAN:** *How do you plan to think and act differently?*
- » **FINAL REFLECTION:** *To be faithful disciples of Jesus we must regularly reflect on and respond to His Word.*
- » **FINAL QUESTION:** *Do you have a regular time to read and reflect on the Bible?*