Dwelling in the Word

This is a 20-30 minute Exercise
The 10-Step Process*

1. **Pray:** Turning to God’s Word we look forward to how the Spirit is showing up among us, and we pray, “Come Holy Spirit, and guide our attention to you, amen.”

2. **Text:** Make sure everyone has a copy of the passage or use Bibles.

3. **Invite** two different voice to read Luke 10:1-12; “Who will read for us?”

4. **Read** for the first time. Following the first read, allow some silence in between readings.

5. **Read again**, allowing a little more silence after the second reading.

6. **Find a “reasonably friendly looking stranger” RFLS,** someone you have not dwelled with prior. (For large groups I typically have them all stand up and the invite them to find their RFLS; this helps people feel more free to move about).

7. **Listen** to your partner’s response to only one of three questions: (1) Where was you imagination caught? (2) What word, phrase or idea stood out to you? (3) Where do you hear the Spirit nudging you in this text? Be prepared to listen to well enough to your partner that you could report on what they say, and yes, you may take notes.

8. **Re-voicing:** Share what you heard from your partners.

9. **Track the conversation:** Designate one person to track the contributions on a white board or large post-it board.

10. **What is God saying?** After everyone has shared, stand back and look at the responses, and ask, “What might God be saying to us today?”

Each time you will start anew, with new listening partners, and by discovering once again what you think God might be saying to your team.

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Luke 10:1-12

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, “Peace to this house!” 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.” 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 “Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.” 12 I tell you, on that day it will be more tolerable for Sodom than for that town.

Respond to one of the three questions below:

* Where is your imagination caught?
* What word, or phrase creates a question for you?
* What do you hear the Spirit nudging in you because of this text?