# Bringing the Word to Life – Preparation for Proclamation

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Housekeeping

Use a journal

Identify the reading

[Make a punctuation-free copy]

**Reflect** *Lectio Divina*

Read a selection (aloud) for the first time

Record initial impressions

This reminds me of…

This makes me feel…

I hate these readings from…

Read the text again

Choose a word or phrase that speaks to you

Meditate on the word or phrase you have chosen

Walk with the text

Identify connections with your life story

**Research**

Read the surrounding text from the bible

Read a different translation

Read the other readings

Read the sidebar commentary

Check footnotes

Consult other commentaries

Discuss the reading with other ministers

**Rehearse**

Out loud with others

## Tell the story in your own words

Apply techniques (see cadence)

Memorize the first/last sentence

Memorize the punchline(s)

Work with a partner: Why? How? Who? When?

Establish a library: Why? How? Where? When?

Work as a team to improve the quality of ministry

Raise the bar