# 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