

FLORILEGIA

An imaginative exploration of scripture in bits and pieces.



1. Choose your sparklets.

Read through the whole passage, and write down phrases that “sparkle” at you. Don’t worry about writing down a whole verse – focus on individual phrases or single sentences. What resonates with you? What speaks to you in this moment in your life right now?



2. Share your sparklets.

Pick one of your sparklets to share with your reading group. What drew your attention to it? How does it resonate with you? What do you like about it? Listen to each person in turn so you get to entertain each selected sparklet.



3. Explore your new text.

Assembled your selected sparklets into a new text: write them down one after the other. Read your newly combined text aloud and ponder it together. What does this new text say? What effect is made by placing these phrases next to each other? How do the different phrases play off of each other?



4. Reverse the order.

Put your sparklets into a different order and read it again. What has changed? Does it make a different impression on you now? Does it affect the meaning? Is there a shift from negative to positive? Is something different brought into focus? Or some aspect made stronger than before?



5. Find the thread.

Can you find a common thread that weaves through your text? Or a theme that seems to hold this text together? Discern a single word to describe the meaning or the theme of this new text. (E.g., “resilience”, “patience”, “love”, etc.)