

Chapter 20: Scripture Engagement

And the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that He might preserve us alive, as it is this day. Then it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to observe all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us (Deut. 6:24-25).

Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock (Matt. 7:24-25).

Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith (1 Tim. 1:5).

YOUR NOTES:

The local church should plan to engage the Community in using the translation.

- **How is Scripture already being used in your community?**

- **What are some ways that Scripture was used in the Bible itself?**

- Nehemiah 8:1-8

- Philemon

- Exodus 15, Psalms

- 2 Timothy 3:16,17

The Reviewer's Guide for checking the Scripture with the community also has several sections called the Application Guides.

The Application Guides are designed to be used in a small group with a **qualified leader** to guide the discussion.

The Bible makes certain claims for itself and the work that it will accomplish.

The Biblical Impact Questionnaire is a tool to measure the impact that the newly translated Scripture is having in the community.

YOUR NOTES:

Discuss:

- **How might your community use the new translation?**
 - Would weekly or monthly small group meetings work?
 - Will the pastors in your community use the Scripture for teaching?
- **How can you use the Scripture with those outside your own church?**
- **How can you include unbelievers and skeptics?**

YOUR NOTES:

Review of Core Concepts:

- The church will need to plan ways to engage the community in using the newly translated Scripture.
- WA provides Reviewers' Guides and Application Guides for Doctrines to assist the church in using Scripture in the community.
- The Bible will bring change in a community; the Biblical Impact Questionnaire helps the church identify these positive changes.