

16 Intro to Scripture Engagement – Walkthrough

(White board; slide deck – 60 min. with practice)

Intro: In this session we are going to talk about using the newly translated Scripture in the language community. Think about how you currently use your Bible. How often do you read it? What are some ways that you study it? It is possible that some people who do not have Scripture in their heart language have not thought of reading it for themselves or studying it together in groups. They have not had that opportunity.

Ask: How is Scripture being used already in your community? (This will of course mean Scripture in a second language.) What are some ways that Scripture was used in the Bible itself?

- Group teaching (Nehemiah 8:1–8)
- Individual teaching (Philemon addressed to one person)
- Singing (Exodus 15, a song of praise, Psalms)
- Training, correction (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

Explain: Wycliffe Associates scripture engagement department has developed materials to aid communities with newly translated Scripture. There are many kinds of resources available. Each of WA's resources have the same license as your translated Bible (CC by SA): free to translate, free to copy or adapt.

Examples:

- Topical devotionals
- Bible studies
- Reading plans
- Study questions
- Leader guides
- Prayer cards

(Each community will have different needs, and the scripture engagement training can be adjusted to meet those needs.)

Ask: 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?
- What are ways you might use the Scripture with those outside your own church?
- How can you include unbelievers and skeptics?

Confirm: Community Scripture engagement is important for the spread of the gospel and the spiritual growth of the church. The translators understand the necessity of a plan to share their work with their communities.