

SESSION 6 LISTENING GUIDE  
**CONTENT. CONTEXT. CONNECT.**

**1) Content:**

- Who?
- What?
- When?
- Where?
- How?
- Why?

**2) Context:**

**Where does this fit? How does it fit?**

- Literary: Each sentence/verse is in a paragraph. That paragraph is in a chapter. The Chapter is in a book.
- Historical: What's happening in the bigger timeline and plotline of the Bible?

(Resource: Context Clues from “*How to Read the Bible Book by Book*”)

**3) Connect:**

**How does it connect to my life?**

- So What? What does it mean to me?
- Now What? What am I supposed to do with it?

*The Bible can't suddenly have a new meaning in our life that it wasn't intended to have back in its original setting.*

**Inspired and Useful**

Together, *content*, *context* and *connect* are inspired and useful.

2 Timothy 3:16

***Before I ask what it means to me, I need to know what it meant.***

## SESSION 6

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1) As a group, select 3 - 5 Bible Stories. Read them and discuss the content of each of these stories (*include the who, what, when, where, how, why*).
- 2) Now as a group, select 3 - 5 of your favorite Bible verses. Find each verse and read the verses that come before and after it. For example, if you selected Philippians 4:13, read the entire section (verses 10 - 20). Discuss if this changes your thoughts about your favorite verse. Does it help you understand it better? Have you taken the verse out of context?
- 3) As you are involved in groups and discipleship, why would it be reckless to go directly to “connect” and skip over the “content” and “context” of a verse or passage in the Bible? Can anyone come up with a pretend scenario of this?
- 4) In our very first session, Danny taught that *“the Bible is NOT a devotional book meant to inspire or motivate you.”* In today’s session he said *“The Bible can’t suddenly have a new meaning in our life that it wasn’t intended to have back in its original setting.”* How could these two statements be connected? How do content, context and connect fit into these statements?