

## Drilling Down

Hydraulic fracturing is the fracturing of rock by a pressurized liquid. Some hydraulic fractures form naturally—certain veins or dikes are examples. Induced hydraulic fracturing or hydrofracturing is a technique in which typically water (the Holy Spirit) is mixed with sand (people the Holy Spirit moves across your surface as a living stone to polish you) and chemicals (the Toxic challenges in your life), and the mixture is injected at high pressure (New Name Ministries) into a wellbore (through drilling down) to create small fractures (in the stony places of your heart)(typically less than 1mm), along which fluids such as gas, petroleum, uranium-bearing solution, and brine water may migrate to the well. Hydraulic pressure is removed from the well, then small grains of proppant (sand or aluminium oxide) (accountability) hold these fractures open once the rock achieves equilibrium. The technique is very common in wells for shale gas, tight gas, tight oil, and coal seam gas (the valuable resources in your life that are trapped beneath the stony places) and hard rock wells. This well stimulation is usually conducted once in the life of the well and greatly enhances fluid (toxic waste) removal and well productivity (a changed life), but there has been an increasing trend towards multiple hydraulic fracturing as production declines.

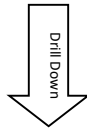
Above is an analogy of what we call “drilling down.” Through this process, it is our desire to help a man who truly wants Godly change in his life. For transformation to take place we must allow the Holy Spirit to move us from the general (or vague) to the specific, from the global to the personal, and from ineffective to applicable in the here and now. By moving through this process we “drill down” to our pivot point, that point in which we change directions. Another term we might use for this pivot point is repentance. When there is true repentance, there will be an immediate and radical change in our thinking, speech, and behavior. It does not result in instant perfection but the change will be abrupt and noticeable.

A typical class session at New Name consists of watching a teaching presented on DVD and then a 15 – 30 minute discussion afterward. In the past, the goal of the discussion would be for each man to share what he received from the teaching. With “drilling down” becoming our new norm, every man may not have the opportunity to share. We may spend the entire discussion on one man’s need to drill down to his pivot point so he can repent. Instead of praying out the class, we now pray specifically for those in the class.

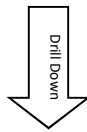
On the next page is a diagram of what this process might look like.

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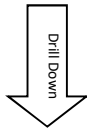
“This lesson gave me new insight”  
(Vague)



“The insight I got from this lesson was that God loves us extravagantly”  
(Specific but still global)



“The insight I got from this lesson was that God loves me extravagantly”  
(Specific and personal but still ineffective)



“God loves me so extravagantly that I no longer have to fear what others think about me. Last week I compromised my principles by joining a brother in bad mouthing my On-Site Manager behind his back because I was afraid that if I stood up for righteousness, I might be seen as a “do-gooder.” Now, if that should ever happen again, I will stand for righteousness and invite the other brother to do the same knowing that working out my salvation and embracing God’s love for me and others is more important to me than man’s opinion of me.”  
(Specific, personal, and effecting thinking, speech, and behavior)