Both are:

Interacting with God in a personal way
God's gift to us (not something we do for him)

God at work in and among us through his Spirit
An invitation to enter into a posture of openness, expectancy and humility

Some ways to include elements of prayer in Scripture engagement:

- Stopping during Bible studies to pray, especially when we get stuck in our conversation or sense that the passage is calling for an immediate response to God. Then continue sharing and stop again where appropriate instead of just ending in prayer.
- O.I.R(eflect).A – include a phase of prayerful reflection in the OIA approach to SE; learn and introduce meditative ways of reading Scripture – that integrate silent reflection, prayerful response, staying with a word and listening to God speaking through it.
- Have symbols or objects as reminders e.g. an empty chair to symbolize God's presence.

Some ways to include elements of SE in prayer:

- Live with a passage for a season and let it shape our praying for that season.
- Integrate SE and prayer in our personal devotions, small groups, conferences so that each one is shaped by the other.
- Pray in all the ways modelled to us in Scripture so that we grow in how we engage with God.

See also: www.scriptureengagement.ifesworld.org – particularly the section resources – formación development, small group Bible studies and retreats.