

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Do you consider yourself a "Christian?"

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Do you read the bible? If so, how often do you read your bible on a given week?
3. Is reading the bible every daily essential to living out a Christian faith? Why or why not?
4. Please read Psalm 119:81. Where is your hope placed in today? Compare with this quote from Lysa TerKeurst: "When the world beats you down, open up your Bible."
5. What do you know about your bible? How many books are in the Old Testament? How many books are in the New Testament? What else do you know? Compare with these verses: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 55:11; Genesis 1:1-3; and Hebrews 4:12.
6. Around 640 BC, Judah was rebuilding the Temple. Israel had been exiled into Assyria in 722 BC. God wanted Judah to learn from Israel. At the time, King Josiah was king. According to 2 Kings 22:8-20, what was discovered and what was the response? If God can use His word to revive a nation, do you think God can use His word to revive you and your family?
7. According to Luke 8:4-15, what are the four different ways we respond to God's word and why? What type of person are you? Pastor Ruben said, "The condition of your heart will determine if God's word sticks." Is there anything that's competing for God's word to grow roots in your life?
8. According to Luke 4:1-4, how did Jesus respond to the devil? What did Jesus quote? What takeaways can we apply to our daily life based on this interaction? Pastor Ruben said, "The problem some people have is they don't spend enough time with the truth to know a lie." What are your thoughts? Compare with Jeremiah 15:16; Matthew 4:4; and Joshua 1:8. What are your thoughts about this quote from A.W. Tozer, "Whatever keeps me from my Bible is my enemy, however harmless it may appear to me."

9. According to Romans 10:17, how does your faith become stronger? According to Psalm 119:105, how do you know God's will for your life?
10. According to John 17:17, what does God's word do to someone?
11. James gives us a huge warning...According to James 1:22-25, what is the warning? Compare with this quote from Francis Chan, "Don't fall into the trap of studying the Bible without doing what it says."
12. According to Revelation 19:13, who is called, "The Word of God?"
13. Will you make a commitment to read one chapter of the bible every day?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "When the world beats you down, open up your Bible." - Lysa TerKeurst
- The Bible is God's own book!
- Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) 12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
- There is nothing more powerful than the Word of God.
- The condition of your heart will determine if God's word sticks.
- The devil can plan ideas in your head to keep you from hearing God's word...
 - I sure hope _____ is listening to this message.
 - This is a good message for other people.
 - I don't know need this.
- If you want to know God's purpose for your life, read your bible. You will learn to discern God's voice for your life and spend less time guessing.
- "Don't fall into the trap of studying the Bible without doing what it says." - Francis Chan