

Small Group Guide:

Oct. 16th on Acts 2:42a & Psalm 1:1-3 Sermon: *Developing in the Word & the Spirit*

REFLECTION:

As you get started, take some time to reflect on your relationship to the Word, the scriptures.

- Do you remember receiving your first Bible? Tell of the circumstances.
- How many bibles have you used had through the years?
- What has changed in your view or understanding of the Bible over the years?
- How would you describe your view of the Bible today?

Looking at your notes from this weekend and review some of the passages in review.

Did any point or verse, or anything surprise, convict, inspire OR cause you to think differently about the ministry of the Holy Spirit or Scripture?

DISCUSSION:

During the message, Pastor said, "Head knowledge of the Bible does not transform anyone. It may puff up, but does not change us. What changes us is regular and personal encounters with the Scripture that is fueled by the Holy Spirit."

What was your first impression of this? How about your thoughts now that you have time to consider it?

How have you experienced this to be true personally and in others lives?

Read 1 Cor. 2:11-12 and John 16:13.

What do these verses say about the relationship between the Word and the HS?

What do they mean for a new believer who reads the scripture as such for the very first time? What about for someone who looks to the Word for divine guidance in the midst of confusing times or looking for divine guidance?

Has the HS made the scriptures come alive to you? Explain and which scripture if you can remember it.

What best describes how the HS can help the Word come alive in us in the following...

- A heart of desire (Acts 2:42) which helps us delight in the Word.
- A heart of deference (Acts 2:12, 14) which helps us submit to the Word.
- A heart of deepening (Acts 4:25; Ps. 1:2) which helps us encounter the Word.

With this in mind, how would you respond to someone who says, "I read the Word regularly! It is like medicine, you don't like it or enjoy it, but you know it will be good for you. Kind of an obedience thing"?

Which of the three is most life-giving for you at this moment?

Are any of these a struggle right now?

GETTING REAL & PERSONAL:

Pastor Kevin concluded with some of his methods of approaching the Scriptures.

Did you resonate with any of them?

What has and what hasn't worked for you in creating time to experience God in scripture.

What has been the key thought that you needed from this weekend's message or tonight's discussion?

Take time to pray together for each other and for where you need to go from here. What do you need to do and how does your group assist you in your journey?

FURTHER STUDY:

Web sites available to help you with the Word and the Spirit.

Bible Gateway (www.biblegateway.com) A free online website for researching the Bible. In different languages & translations as well! You can search scripture for verses and through key words.

The One Year Bible Online (www.OneYearBibleOnline.com) A OT, NT, Psalm and Proverb for each day. You can select the month and day and translation of choice along w/ read through in one year, chronologically or otherwise.

Devotions (www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/) A list of devotional guides for order that can be sent automatically to you as an e-mail on a daily basis. Also Our Daily Bread devotional guides (www.rbc.org) can at no cost be delivered to your home (Also available quarterly from our welcome desk)

Books on the topic: Part 5 of *Spiritual Disciplines Handbook* by Adele Ahlberg Calhoun & Chapter 2 of *Soul Feast* by Marjorie J. Thompson.

SERVING SNAPSHOT:

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