

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 18, 2010

Passage: Various

Memory Passage: Hebrews 4:12-13

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

This week we will continue our series on what we believe about the Bible. This week we are going to look at the power of the scripture in our lives. In essence, we will be answering the question, “How does God use the scriptures to manifest His power?”

- (a) **Read Genesis 1.** The importance of God’s word is established from the very beginning of scripture. What is the word of God doing in this chapter? What does this say about the magnitude of the power of God’s word?
- (b) Compare what God’s word can do compared to your own abilities. Think of a time in which you felt small in comparison to the greatness of your surroundings or circumstances. How would this compare to the power of God’s words?
- (c) Toward the end of the passage, what else is God doing through the words He speaks? What does He tell them to do? How is what He tells them to do similar to God’s creative work? How does this affect how we see the way we work and live?
- (d) *Family:* Read Genesis 1. Answer questions (a) and (b). How should we respond to God in light of this?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read John 1:1-5, 14-18.** Who is the “Word”? What do verses 1-5 say about the nature and power of the Word? What pictures are we given in this passage about the power of the Word? How does this relate to the picture of God and the Word in Genesis 1?
- (b) In verses 14-18, what did Jesus do by becoming incarnate (made flesh)? How does all of the Word of God do this? How does this help us to understand the purpose and nature of the scripture?
- (c) How do these verses summarize the life of Jesus? What power does the life of Jesus have?
- (d) What do you normally think of when you think of the Word of God? How does this passage affect your thinking? What, if anything, should change about how you approach the Bible in light of this passage?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read 1 Peter 1:22-25; Romans 1:16-17.** Central to the power of the Word is the power to give life. How does Peter describe the Word of God? What has it done in the believer’s life? Look back at some of the previous verses, what is the content of the word that is imperishable?
- (b) How does Paul, in Romans, talk about the gospel? What does the good news reveal to us? Thinking about our passage from John 1. How was the righteousness of God revealed?
- (c) Read Romans 10:14-17. What action is Paul calling us to do here? What is his reasoning? How does God plan on using us?
- (d) Connecting these passages together, what conclusions can we draw about the effectiveness of the Bible to bring about the salvation of someone? How does this affect our approach to sharing the good news of Christ?
- (e) *Family:* Read 1 Peter 1:22-25. How does Peter describe the word of God? What would happen if the word of God was not enduring? How could we be certain of anything? What does God’s word bring about according Peter? Why is this important for us to know?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Psalm 19:7-11.** What are the different ways in which the Word of God is described? List the verbs used to describe them.
- (b) Take each line and ask these questions: How have you experienced this? When was the last time you experienced it? What is keeping you from experiencing God’s word like this?
- (c) Would you say that you approach the word with the same perspective as the psalmist? Why or why not?

(d) *Family*: Read Psalm 19:7-11. What do these verses say about the word of God? Is this any different from how you normally think about the Bible? How so? How do you think that you can come to read the Bible like this?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Hebrews 4:12-13; Ephesians 5:25-27.** When thinking about a book, would you ever use the words “living” and “active”? According to this passage in Hebrews, how is the Word of God living and active?

(b) Have you ever experienced the Word of God in this capacity? How so? Why is it so important for us to have the Word of God speaking into our lives like this? What would be our tendency apart from this?

(c) Paul, in addressing how husbands are to treat their wives, uses Christ as a comparison. How did Christ love the church? How did He cleanse her?

(d) Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What role does the Word of God play in sanctifying us? How does it do this? How do you let the Word of God accomplish these things in your own life?

(e) *Family*: Read Hebrews 4:12-13. When thinking about a book would you ever use the words “living” and “active”? According to this passage in Hebrews, how is the Word of God living and active? Have you ever experienced the word of God in this capacity? How so? Why is it so important for us to have the word of God speaking into our lives like this? How could you get to know God’s word better?

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. For the word of God to have a powerful role in your life, you must read or listen to it. Somehow, it needs to be a part of you. What are you doing to renew your mind with the word of God? How could you improve? Is the word of God “sweeter than honey” to you? What is it that keeps you from seeing it this way? Pray that the Lord would use the word in your life today to change and mold you.

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The Power of the Word of God

“...sharper than any two-edged sword...”