

Series: Change

February 15, 2015

Message: Practices of Change: The Word

Life Group Questions

For week of February 15, 2015

What we cover, God uncovers. What we uncover, God covers.

Proverbs 28:13 *“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”*

The Bible is foundational understanding for the Christ follower. 2 Timothy 3:14–17, John 10:10b

We need to master the Word. God’s answers to my questions:

1. It is vital to my success - Joshua 1:7-8
2. It is vital to my purity - Psalms 119:9-11
3. It is vital to my strength - Isaiah 40:28-31
4. Its vital to my growth - 1 Peter 2:2

My Response:

If it is a command, obey it, today!

If it is a promise, claim it, today!

If it is a warning, heed it, today!

If it is a sin, abandon it, today!

If it is a truth, believe it, today!

Be mastered by the Word. My answers to God’s questions:

1 John 2:3-6

Will you serve me?

Will you love unconditionally?

Will I give everything?

(What question is God asking you?)

Welcome! To prepare for this week’s meeting, take some time to focus on the questions below and be prepared to share your answers with the group. Have a great meeting as you come together to connect, encourage one another to grow and to see God change your lives from the inside out!

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1) What part, if any, stuck out to you in this week’s message?

2) Psalms 119:16 says, “I delight in your decrees; I will not neglect your word.” What can cause you to neglect God’s Word?

What will you do to ensure that God’s Word leads you daily?

Going Deeper

Read II Timothy 2:15. It is a command to study God’s word and obey it.

Read the following passages and answer the “why” question:

Matthew 7:24 – Why?

Ephesians 5:25-26 – Why?

1 Timothy 3:16 – Why?

Read Psalms 119:11 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Is it enough to master the Word? Why or why not?

Read 1 John 3:11, James 1:26, James 1:27, 2 Corinthians 9:9, 2 Corinthians 9:7, Colossians 3:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:14-18

After having read the verses, ask yourself, “what question(s) is God asking me?”

Is He asking you something else?

What can we, as a group, do to help each other answer God’s questions?

What can we do to be a group that is not only “mastering the Word” but one that is also being “mastered by the Word?”

Who God Says I Am

I am a child of God (John 1:12)

I am a friend of Jesus (John 15:15)

I will not be condemned by God (Romans 8:1-2)

I have been accepted by Christ (Romans 15:7)

I am a new creature in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

I have been set free in Christ (Galatians 5:1)

I have been blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)

I am redeemed and forgiven by the grace of Christ (Ephesians 1:7)

I am God’s workmanship created to produce good works (Ephesians 2:10)

The peace of God guards my heart and mind (Philippians 4:7)

God supplies all my needs (Philippians 4:19)

I have been made complete in Christ (Colossians 2:9-10)

God loves me and has chosen me (1 Thessalonians 1:4)

The Word to Guide Me

Needing courage (Psalm 138:3; Ephesians 6:10-13)

Doubting my salvation (John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13)

Financial need (Psalm 34:10; Philippians 4:19)

Needing forgiveness (Hebrews 4:15-16; 1 John 1:9)

Seeking guidance (Proverbs 3:5-6; James 1:5)

Loneliness and depression (Psalm 23; Hebrews 13:5)

Patience being tried (Romans 8:28-29; James 1:2-4)

Under stress (John 14:27; John 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7)

Pride (1 Corinthians 4:7; Philippians 2:3-8)

In need of rest (Matthew 11:28-30; Galatians 6:9)

Selfishness (Philippians 4:8; 1 John 2:15-17)

Suffering (Psalm 34:19; 2 Corinthians 4:17)

Temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13; James 1:2-4)

When treated unfairly (1 Peter 2:19-23; 1 Peter 4:12-15)

When feeling weak and inadequate (2 Corinthians 12:9-10; Philippians 4:13)

The Word to Encourage Me

I know that all He does is good and loving no matter what (Psalm 119:68)

I know that He acts on behalf of those who wait on Him (Isaiah 64:4)

I know that He longs to be gracious to me (Isaiah 30:18)

I know that He will not forget me (Isaiah 49:16)

I know that His grace is sufficient for me (2 Corinthians 12:9)

I know that His Word is a light for my path. (Psalm 119:105)

I know He can be trusted and nothing is too difficult for Him (Jeremiah 32:17)

I know of His peace that surpasses all understanding (Philippians 4:7).

I know that He who began a good work in me will complete it (Philippians 1:6)

I know that He is the Rock, the One who never changes and that He is a sure foundation (Psalm 18:2; Malachi 3:6; Isaiah 28:16)

I know that I have been bought with a great price (1 Corinthians 6:20)

I know that by giving my life away, I find my life (Matthew 16:25)

I know that He has given me everything I need to live this life of faith and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).