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Do you have a favorite Bible verse or passage of Scripture? Which part of the Bible do you find the most comforting? Which part the most informing? Which part of the Bible confounds or baffles you?

STUDY

For the next few weeks our focus will be on Bible intake and interaction. God graciously has given us His Word so we don't have to wander aimlessly! The Bible tells us about God as well as how to live in right relationship with Him. With this in mind, consider the following questions:

1. What is the role of the Bible in our training process as disciples of Jesus?

Consider:

Joshua 1:6-9;

Psalm 119:9-16, 24;

2 Timothy 3:15-17

1. What is your initial reaction when you read these passages? Observations around these passages? How do these passages relate to your current life stage and patterns?

2. What are some of the various ways we can take in the Bible? (For example, one way to engage the Bible is by hearing it read aloud.) Do you have a preferred method for absorbing the Bible into your mind and life?

3. How does Hebrews 4:12 describe the Word of God? What does this mean?

4. Read Psalm 1. According to the Psalm, what's the difference between the godly and the ungodly? How does this Psalm relate to the idea of being a person of the Word?

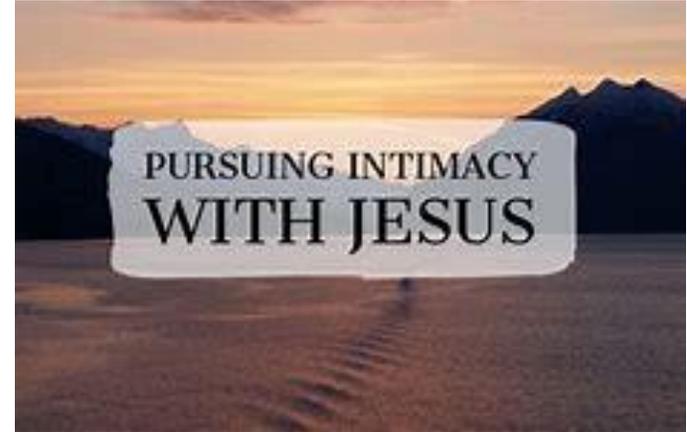
APPLY

- Although we have a plethora of Bibles at our disposal, many of us have little or no engagement with the Bible. What keeps us from digging into the Word?

- Jesus knew, believed, submitted to, employed, and taught from the Bible. How does your engagement of the Bible compare to Jesus' interaction with the Word. Where is there room for growth?

- What are the values/benefits of knowing God's Word? What are the dangers of the Christian not being aware of what God says through the Scriptures?

- Is interaction with the Scriptures a regular part of your life, or is it more hit and miss?



MESSAGE GUIDE

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