



LIFEgroup Homework

Week of April 29, 2007

Keys to a LIFE - Truth

The truth will set you free

This week we learned that truth is the key to freedom, our eternal salvation, security and stability in life. Every day we see the consequences in the lives of people who violate God's truth and are paying the price for those choices. Some sow their wild oats and then pray for crop failure. We learned that God's Word is the "Owner's manual" given to us by the "Owner" so that we might know how to live as we were designed. Our LIFEgroups are designed to help each member of our church in the process of living out what God has revealed in the Bible.

The first step in experiencing the life that God offers is to come clean and be honest with ourselves. Unless we are honest with ourselves, even God cannot help us. So our prayer is that each LIFEgroup will be a safe place to share unsafe things. What gets shared in a LIFEgroup does not get shared outside of the group.

Sharing Questions

- 1) Where has it been safe for you to be yourself?

 - 2) When you want an honest opinion, who do you go to and why?
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Homework:

What is one highlight, thought or principle from Sunday's message that stood out to you?

In this study we are going to dig deeper into the topic of the benefits of God's truth in our lives. Isaiah 55:11 promises that God's word will not return "empty."

Read 1 Peter 2:2

Describe your experience with feeding babies. What can we learn from babies that can help us to picture our attitude toward God's Word?

Read Psalm 106:13-15

God's people got tired of eating His supernatural "corn flakes." Though God answered their request with "quail cour-don-bleau", what was the result in their spiritual lives?

Read James 1:22

How can we help one another make sure that we are not just hearing the Word each week and increasing our knowledge of God without increasing our obedience to God? What might this look like in a normal LIFEgroup, without being offensive?

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Read Psalm 119:9-11

Someone once said, “This Book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this Book.” What role does God’s Word play in conquering sin? In your own words, what does it look like when someone “treasures” God’s Word?

Read Psalm 119:105

What is the job of a light? What does this say about God’s word for spiritual guidance?

Read Psalm 119:98

What does this say to those who haven’t taken the time to know God’s Word?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16

What does God do for us through His Word? What is “every good work?”

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Meditate on the Word

Eight times in Psalm 119, the psalmist tells us to meditate on the Word of God.

Read verses 15, 23, 27, 48, 78, 97, 99, 148.

Why is the Psalmist so fixed on telling us to meditate on God's Word?

How would you explain the heart of the Psalmist and his love and devotion to God's Word?

Consider reading all of Psalm 119. It is a great passage on the value and benefit of God's Word in our lives. As you read it, ask God's Holy Spirit to open your eyes and give you the Psalmist's heart for His Word.

Memory Verses:

Psalm 119:9, 11 "How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. NIV