

Life Group Notes

Lessons in Scripture

'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it.'

To begin

What method of bible-reading has been the best for you? And the worst?

In his sermon, Tim suggest three things that can make an 'L' of a difference in our approach to the Scriptures: we need to learn them, love them and live them. Remember these as you explore the questions below.

Read Luke 11:14-36

Questions for discussion

1. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Why should we learn the scriptures? What can it do for us? Give examples.
2. Read John 14:26. Talk about a time when one or more of your group was prompted to share a scripture with someone. Did you already know the scripture that you shared?

3. Tim shared some different aids to reading the Bible:

- www.wordlive.org
- Every Day with Jesus and similar reading notes
- www.northumbriancommunity.org - Daily Office
- www.fuelcast.com - daily inspirational talk
- www.biblegateway.com e.g. NIV in audio read by David Suchet

If you have internet access, you might to look at these before or during your meeting. Which might you find most helpful and why? What other aids to reading the Bible have you used?

4. Read Psalm 119:105-112. How does the writer feel about the scriptures and about the God behind them? How do you feel?
5. In Luke 11:34, Jesus tells us, 'Your eye is the lamp of your body.' How does reading the Word of God enable light to shine in and from us?
6. In verses 21-22, Jesus responds to the accusations of some about the origin of the power that enabled him to cast out the demon that was mute. Who or what is the strong man? What does it mean to us that Jesus is stronger?
7. In verses 29-32, Jesus gives the sign of Jonah to 'a wicked generation.' Jonah preached and Nineveh repented! How much more is the difference that Jesus can make if we live the scriptures?
8. In Jonah 3:4, Jonah preaches, 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.' In Hebrew, this is only five words that bring a response from the people. What five words of challenge, comfort or encouragement could you bring to someone this week?

To finish

Perhaps each member of the group could share a favourite verse of scripture and what it means to them. 'Encourage one another and build each other up...' (1 Thess 5:11).

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