



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: 17/18 & 21
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Title: “Word Up”

Text: Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.(Proverbs 30:5)

Target: Get in the WORD and Let the WORD get in you.

I. The PRIORITY of GETTING in the WORD: *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.* (Joshua 1:8)

A. God desires to SPEAK to you: *“Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known”* (Jer. 33:3)

1. To Know His Character.
2. To Experience His Goodness.
3. To Trust His Faithfulness.

A. God desires to SANCTIFY you: *“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth”* (John 17:17)

4. Free you from Sin: *“And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:32)
5. Walk In Truth: *“If you love me, you will keep my commandments”* (John 14:15)
6. Empowered in the Holy Spirit: *“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”* (John 14:26)

A. God desires to do SOMETHING through you: *“Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom...”* (Col. 3:16)

Question #1: *How does immersing ourselves in the Word contribute to our sanctification? What specific aspects of sin do you believe the Word addresses most effectively in your own life?*

Question #2: How can the Word of Christ dwell in us richly in practical terms? What are some ways we can actively teach and admonish one another using Scripture in our everyday life?

I. The PRACTICALITY of BEING in the WORD: “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Tim. 3:16)

A. Get Organized: (time, place, translation, plan, highlighter, pen, journal)

A. Pursue God’s Presence: “You will **seek me** and find me, when you seek me with all your heart”(Jeremiah 29:13)

A. Gaze Vs. Glance: “Be attentive to my words, incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not escape from your sight; **keep them within your heart**” (Proverbs 4:20-21)

7. Observation: What stands out?

8. Interpretation: What did it mean to the original recipient?

9. Application: What am I supposed to do?

a. Praise God for something?

a. Prayer to pray?

a. Promise to claim?

a. Commandment to follow?

a. Sin to avoid?

a. Knowledge to gain?

a. Example to follow?

10. Memorization: What should I remember?

Question #3: What are some challenges you have faced in creating a consistent Bible study routine? How can you overcome these challenges and make Bible study a priority?

Question #4: How do you approach the process of observation, interpretation, and application in your Bible study? Can you provide an example of how this process has impacted your understanding of a particular passage?

I. The PROMISE of OBEYING the WORD: “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and **does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock” (Matthew 7:24)

A. Blessings from Heaven to you: “Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and **keep it!**” (Luke 11:28)

A. Activates God’s power in you: “When you walk, they will **lead you**; when you lie down, they will **watch** over you; and when you awake, they will **talk** with you (Proverbs 6:22)

A. Avoid Temptation towards you: “How can a young man keep his way pure? By **guarding** it according to your word” (Psalm 119:9)

A. God will use you: “**teaching them** to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:20)

Question #5: *In what ways have you seen God's power activated in your life through obedience to His Word? How does God's power influence your daily decisions and interactions with others?*

Question #6: *Reflecting on the metaphor of building a house on the rock, how does obedience to God's Word create a firm foundation in your life? What are some areas where you need to reinforce this foundation?*

Takeaway: Don't take the Trip, then Read the Map.