



How to Experience the Blessing of God Through the Bible

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite Book?

Read Together:

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV) and Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

As we begin this year of the Bible, some of us may feel excited while others may feel intimidated. No matter how many times you have read the Bible, the exciting thing is, we can ALWAYS learn something new from reading it again.

“Visit many books but LIVE in the Bible.” -Charles Spurgeon

Our Modern society does not often revere the scriptures. As a result, we can be tempted to devalue the Bible. Pastor Jason reminded us that the word of God is quite literally God’s BREATH written on a page. Take a moment to ponder the fact that we are reading from the very Breath of God each time we read His word.

Discuss:

- If you are honest, do you value God’s word as much as it deserves?
- What is your honest reaction when you think about Reading God’s word?
- What happens in your heart when you consider that the Bible is the very Breath of God on a page?

This week’s Sermon was the introduction to what we will be doing ALL year long. We will be reading God’s word together with some interactive tools (More on those in February). But, this week we consider the following:

How do you approach the scriptures to receive the blessing of God?

1. Stand in awe of His word.

Read Together: John 5:39 (NIV)

Discuss:

Whom do the Scriptures testify about?
How can we honor and care for God's Breath in our daily lives?

2. Kneel in submission to His word.

Read Together: John 14:23 (NIV)

Discuss:

Whom will the Father love?
What does it mean for Jesus and God to come to them and make their home with them?

Pastor Jason's challenge was to allow yourself to be protected by God. He has put so much into His word that helps us to avoid trouble.

Discuss:

What are some ways that God's word provides protection?

3. Walk in the illumination of His word.

Read Together: Psalm 119:105 (ESV) and Proverbs 4:20-27 (ESV)

Discuss:

How Does God's word light our way? Give some examples from your own experience.
What does it mean to "Keep your heart with all vigilance"? (Proverbs 4:20-27)
What does it mean to "Ponder the path of your feet"?
Tell your group about some times when you haven't heeded these words and what happened.

Pray together:

Father, We want to be blessed by your word. Please teach us to love your breath given to us. Please give us the Awe that your Word deserves. Please help us to submit to the commands given in your word, and show us how to walk in the light of what you have revealed to us in your word. We honor you and declare that you have the Words of Life. Help us to learn them in deeper ways as we embark on the year of the Bible. We love you! In Jesus' name, Amen!