



➡ Welcome Soldiers



Concealed Weapon Check



1 John 4:4

"Greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world"

James 4:7

"Resist the devil and he will flee..."

Ephesians 6:10

"...be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."

Joshua 1:9

...the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Acts 5:29

"...we must obey God rather than men."

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Psalm 119:11

*"I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you."*

Psalm 28:7

"The Lord is my strength and my shield"

Ephesians 4:27

"do not give the devil a foothold."

Luke 9:23

*"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny
themselves and take up their cross daily and
follow me."*



Tenth Bullet



2 Timothy 3:16

"All Scripture is God-breathed..."





Discussion Questions

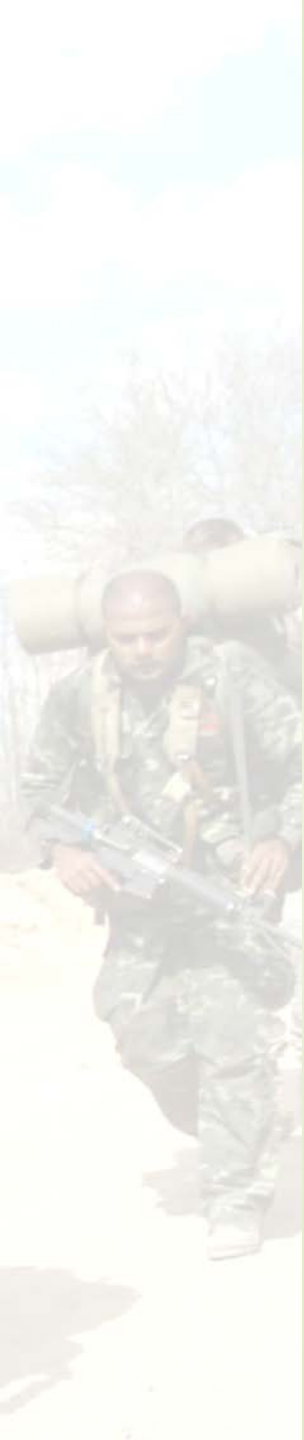
➤ Why is the intake of Scripture so important?

1. It is God's word to us. The Bible is literally "God-Breathed," given by "inspiration of God."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

2. It is our life instruction manual, provided to teach/instruct us... so that we might have hope.

Romans 15:4



3. It answers life's big questions like:
Why am I here? Where did I come from? Where do I go after this life? Why is this life so hard? How can I have a successful marriage, be a good friend, a good parent, a good employee, a good leader, a good son or daughter? How can I have eternal life?
4. It is our sword of the Spirit. The armor of God's only offensive weapon. **Hebrews 4:12**
5. It keep us from sin! Psalm **119:10-11**

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Four Steps to a Healthy Spiritual Diet

- 1) Reading God's Word
- 2) Hearing God's Word
- 3) Memorizing God's Word
- 4) Studying God's Word

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Discussion Questions

In a recent survey of those who identify themselves as "Christians," 90% admit they have not read the entire Bible. Only 11% of Christians read it every day. And 23% of "Christians" say they "never" read it.

- Do you think that as a Nation we have become more or less Bible literate in the past 50 years?
- Why do you think this?

James Merritt Quote

“The primary purpose of reading the Bible is not to know the Bible but to know God.”



Scripture Reading Tips

The Bible isn't a book about the great men of God. It's a book about the great God of men.

1. Find Time (Make time)
2. Have a Plan
3. Find Something to Meditate on Each Day

➤ Psalm 19:7-11

❖ How does David feel about the Word of God?

➤ Psalm 119

❖ If we could all be as in love with the Word of God as this!



We need to hear God's Word, not just read it...

- We can hear God's word in church, on the radio, on our iPods... Any other places you like to listen?
- The ongoing worship of God cannot be separated from the Word of God.
- Prepare yourself appropriately to hear God's word.
 - Why and how do we do this?



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R.C. Sproul Quote

"The devil is delighted when we spend our time defending the Bible and talking about it as long as we don't get around to actually seeing and hearing the words inside it."

Discussion Questions

Luke 11:28

- ➡ What must we do to be blessed by the Word of God?

1 Timothy 4:13

- ➡ What are we to devote ourselves to?
- ➡ What are some ways we can do this?



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Discussion Questions


Romans 10:17

- What else does the Word do that is described here?
- How does faith come from hearing the Word?

1 Thessalonians 2:13

- What are some ways the Word is at work in us?

The Importance of Memorizing God's Word

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- ➡ Why should we bother with memorizing scripture?
 - 1. To ensure it is with you always
 - 2. To build your faith
 - 3. To fight satan
 - 4. To defend your faith
 - 5. To help make wise decisions
 - 6. To take captive your thoughts
 - 7. To witness

Discussion Questions

Psalm 1:1-3

- What do those who delight in the law of the Lord not do?
- What does meditating on the law do?
- How do you meditate day and night on the Law of the Lord?



Discussion Questions

Isaiah 55:10-13

➤ What is God telling us in this passage?

Exegesis: a critical explanation or interpretation of a text, particularly a religious text to determine the author's meaning of the text.

Eisegesis: an interpretation, especially of Scripture, that expresses the interpreter's own ideas, bias, or the like, rather than the author's meaning of the text.

➤ How should we study the Bible?



Discussion Questions


2 Timothy 2:15

- How can you incorrectly handle the Word of Truth?

Acts 17:11

- What made the Berean Jews more noble?
- Have you done this?



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When working through a particular passage of Scripture, here are six questions to ask for reflection and study:

- 1) Is there something to Believe about God?
- 2) Is there something to Praise or Thank God for?
- 3) Is there something I should Pray for?
- 4) Is there something I should have a New Attitude about?
- 5) Is there something I should make a Decision about?
- 6) Is there something I should Do or Not Do for the sake of Christ, others and myself?

The Word of God is Full of Prophetic Truth

- Over 300 prophecies fulfilled by Jesus alone
- Ezekiel 26: 12-14
- Isaiah 40:21-22



Weapons Check

➡ 2 Timothy 3:16

“All Scripture is God-breathed...”

Next week we will study the power of a disciplined mind.

➡ Closing thoughts?

