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The Inspiration of Scripture - Keith Logan

Pray About It:

Lift up Keith Logan as he prepares to open God's Word at the start of this series.
Ask for a new appreciation of the awesomeness of God's word.
Bring before the Lord your family, your friends, co-workers, and neighbours.

Read About It:

Read II Timothy 3:14-17 carefully, back up and read the rest of the chapter, and then the whole letter.
Look at how this theme (the importance of scripture) is repeated throughout II Timothy.
Consider other passages with similar themes, such as: Romans 15:4, II Peter 1:21, and Matthew 4:4.

Think About It:

"... God breathed ..."

Special things happen with the breath of God! That's how it all started for us, wasn't it?

When God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life," Adam became a living soul in Genesis 2:7.

And God gives us the air that we breathe every day, every breath as found in Job 27:3.

And God gives us His word, which is as important to our spiritual life as air is to our physical life.

Do Something About It:

Proverbs 3:1-4 implores us to take God's words and "*bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart.*" Take time this week to memorize God's word. And when His Spirit brings that verse to your mind (or another verse that speaks directly to a decision that you face), follow God's word!

God is still breathing into each of us His word.

Memorize It: Proverbs 3:1-4

February 2, 2020 6:00 PM

Small Group Bible Study - *The Inspiration of Scripture*

Note: Question 3 every week may take the entire study time and that is fine!

You will not be forced to participate if you attend, you can watch and listen.

Look around and allow others to participate, you do not always have to answer.

Give people time to answer and share their thoughts because, "we all have different thinking times".

Talk About It:

1. Have someone give a 2-3-minute summary of the message from earlier that day.
2. Have someone else read II Timothy 3:14-17.
3. Was there something from the message that stood out to you that you would like to discuss?
4. Think about Paul's motivation behind the verses in II Timothy 3. Why was this message so important at this point in church history?
5. Why is it important for us to know that the Bible is inspired by God *at this stage* in history?
6. In what way is scripture "God breathed?" What does this mean?
7. How did Jesus authenticate the Old Testament AND the New Testament?
8. Pray with each other and pray for each other.

February 9, 2020 11:30 AM

The Truth of Scripture - Doug MacIntosh

Pray About It:

Ask God to guide in the message, and thank Him for the Reliability and the Eternal nature of His Word. Lift up Doug as he prepares a message that is contrary to what our “itching ears” may want to hear. There are concepts found in scripture that we can be thankful for, such as the following:

“when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth”

John 16:13a

Read & Think About It:

II Peter 1:12-21, John 3:33, John 17:3, Isaiah 65:16, Psalm 119:89 and as quoted below John 17:14-21,

“I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth.

“I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.”

God’s word is eternal. It is as relevant today as it was when it was written, over 1900 years ago. And it will “*remain forever*” according to I Peter 1:25.

Think about what you believe, and why. Is your faith based on tradition or based on God’s word?

Do Something About It:

We are to speak the truth in love. This week, try to have authentic conversations with people around you. Listen to what they think, feel, and believe. Be gracious and kind to them, but try to be more intentional in sharing the truth that is found in the Bible. Pray about it.

Memorize It: Psalm 19:7-10

February 9, 2020 6:00 PM

Small Group Bible Study - The Truth of Scripture

Note: Question 3 may take the entire study time and that is fine!

Did you talk a lot last week? Still participate, but possibly allow others more of an opportunity this week.

Talk About It:

1. Have someone give a 2-3-minute summary of the message from earlier that day.
2. Have someone else read II Peter 1:12-21.
3. Was there something from the message that stood out to you that you would like to discuss?
9. What does the Bible say about the nature, purpose, and character of God?
10. What does the Bible say about who we are as humans? What is our purpose, our reason for existing? What is good about us, what is not so good about us according to the Bible?
11. What does the Bible say about right and wrong? Would your co-workers, friends, or neighbours accept what the Bible says about right and wrong as true?
12. What does the Bible say about what happens after death? How can we know this is true?

While in prison, John the Baptist sends people to ask Jesus if He really is the Messiah. John had spent His whole life preparing the way for Jesus and yet doubted him during a trial. Jesus replied graciously and in a way that was appropriate for John at that time.

13. The following question is for us to read through as a group and to dwell on as we consider difficult passages: Is there a truth claim made in the Bible you are struggling or wrestling with?
Bring this up with someone you trust, the study, or pray about it and search scripture intently.

February 16, 2020 11:30 AM

The Purpose of Scripture - Mark Patterson

Pray About It:

Lift up our church members and pray that we would be doers of the Word and not hearers only. Ask the Lord that He would use us to share the Gospel with the world around us. Consider Mark in your prayers- that he would be granted boldness as he opens the Word of God.

Read About It:

Romans 1, Romans 3:10,23, Romans 6:23, John 3:18, II Peter 3:9, Ephesians 2:8, I Corinthians 15:2-4

Think About It:

God does not ask us to figure out life on our own. His Word contains everything we need, so that we can live lives that honour Him and so that we can grow to know Him more, as found in II Peter 1:3.

People sometimes wonder why God doesn't show Himself to them and tell them what to do and how to live. In fact, God has done this already. His Word is so full of practical knowledge, wisdom, history and teaching that, when considered in humility by a believer, it shifts our perspective and gives us purpose.

Do Something About It:

There is no home study, so find the following types of scriptures and apply them to yourself this week.

Scripture that is:

- a. "profitable for doctrine"
- b. "profitable ... for reproof"
- c. "profitable ... for rebuke"
- d. "profitable ... for instruction in righteousness"

Memorize It: John 20:30-31

February 16, 2020 NO STUDY

FAMILY DAY WEEKEND - NO HOME BIBLE STUDIES

February 23, 2020 11:30 AM

The Power of Scripture - Phil Libby

Pray About It:

Pray that Phil will be encouraged in God's Word this week, and that each person who listens to the message will feel the power of God in their hearts and minds.

Read About It:

Throughout the Bible, the Creation account is recounted again and again as the ultimate reminder of God's mighty power and control over the universe. Read Genesis 1 and allow yourself to imagine an empty void being miraculously filled with life!

*By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.
He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap; He lays up the deep in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the Lord; Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.*

Psalm 33:6-9

When God speaks, his voice moves mountains. Or makes them.

Think About It:

The Word of the Lord remains relevant to our lives and can convict us in sometimes unexpected ways. Like a good physician, it will tell us what the problem is with issues we didn't even know we had:

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

The Lord knows all about the human condition, and feeding off of His Word to us is important. But there can be a danger in having heard the verses so many times, we become desensitized to their meaning and begin to think they don't apply to us. We stop accepting the messages for ourselves and our hearts become tough and impenetrable. Scriptures warn us:

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was."

James 1:22-24

Do Something About It:

Spend time daily in God's word in personal devotion. Additionally, memorize scripture. Be open to God's word today. Let it teach us and correct us.

Memorize It: Heb. 11:3

February 23, 2020 6:00 PM

Small Group Bible Study - The Power of Scripture

Talk About It:

1. Have someone give a 2-3-minute summary of the message from earlier that day.
2. Have 3 other people read Genesis 1:3, 6, 9, 11, 14, 20, 24; John 1:1-3; and Heb. 11:3
3. Was there something from the message that stood out to you that you would like to discuss?
4. Reflect on the notion of the Word of God being able to create something from nothing.
Based on the following scriptures: John 3:32; 2 Cor. 5:17; and I Peter 1:23-25
How does the same creative power relate to our salvation?
5. Power to convict: How does the word of God bring a sense of conviction to our lives?
Ref. John 5:39-40; John 15:22; Romans 3:19-20; Romans 5:20; Gal. 3:2-24; Heb. 4:12-13
6. Power to convert: Why is it essential to use scripture when trying to lead someone to Christ?
Ref. John 5:24; John 15:3; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 5:25-26; and II Tim. 3:15
7. Power to condemn: Why is it so important to heed the Word of God's offer of salvation through Christ within our lifespan on earth?
Ref. John 12:48; Romans 12:1-2; II Peter 3:7; Rev. 19:11, 13, 15; and Rev. 20:12
8. Power to comfort: What are the benefits of daily time in the Word of God?
Ref. Matt. 4:4; Col. 3:16; I Thess. 4:16-18; II Peter 1:19.

February Memorization Challenge

At first glance, memorizing Bible verses might seem a strange activity. For many Christians, Bible verse memorization is something kids do in Sunday school, not something that serious adults do. And if you didn't grow up reciting memorized Bible verses to your Sunday school teacher, the idea of intentionally memorizing parts of a book—even the Book—might seem odd.

But there's power in the act of memorizing—of becoming so familiar with a word, phrase, or verse that it springs to mind instantly when something happens to trigger the memory. When you've truly internalized something, it can stay with you all your life.

Recite or write the indicated verses from memory and have someone sign the corresponding box. If you wish you can add your name and completed verses to the memory verse board in the lobby.

Name	Proverbs 3:1-4	Psalm 19:7-10	John 20:30-31	Hebrews 11:3

All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate.