

Discipleship Group Study Notes
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Class Three | **The Transforming Power of God's Word**

To experience the great transforming power of God's Word in our lives, there are two key spiritual disciplines: prayer and reading His Word.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."— 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

1. **What truly motivates us to read the Bible?**

A good motivation for reading the Bible is feeling the pleasure of knowing that God speaks to me through it.

If we read God's Word with the right motivation, transformation will come into our lives.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom..." — Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

2. **Can we create the habit of reading the Bible daily?**

- For God's Word to transform my life, I must create the habit of reading it.
- To create a habit, I must think of it as training.
- The opposite of training is trying. That's why I encourage you to train daily and stop just trying to do things.
- You can start your training with Bible verses, then chapters, until the sum of all these moments allows me to read an entire book, understand it, and study it.

Only by doing it consistently will I create a habit.

3. **Having a plan**

One of the key points when reading the Bible is to have a plan.

To make a plan, I must ask myself:

- What will I read? _____
- When will I read it? _____
- Where will I read it? _____
- How much time will I dedicate? _____

4. **The Transforming Power of God's Word**

I. **The Power of Revelation in Our Lives**

Whenever you read God's Word, there are precious revelations. Something that illustrates the revealing power of God's Word is to think of a mirror.

“Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at their face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.”
— James 1:23-25 (NIV)

II. The Inspirational Power of God’s Word

- When you read the Scriptures, God wants to inspire you through His Holy Spirit.
- To inspire is to influence or motivate someone to do something. In the physical sense, to inspire is the act of breathing.
- When you inspire, you fill your lungs with fresh air, and through that, you renew your body.
- He wants you to be inspired, to fill yourself with that fresh air that comes from His presence so that you can feel renewed, strengthened, transformed, and full of life.

III. The Power of the Truth in God’s Word

- We live in a world of darkness, and we need to receive God’s truth not only in our minds but also in our hearts.
- When we read His Word, we receive this truth from God, and it produces a process of transformation within us.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.” — 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

IV. The Power of Confessing God’s Word

- When we read God’s Word, we are confessing it, that is, verbally declaring God’s Scriptures and promises. This brings many blessings to our lives.
- When we read God’s Word, we are confessing its truths.

“READING IS CONFESSING”

- **Confessing God’s Word strengthens my faith.**

When you and I confess God’s Word, it reinforces and deepens our faith in Him.

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”
— Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

- **Confessing God’s Word transforms me.**

The confession of God’s Word can have a transformative effect on a person’s life.

“For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.”— Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

- **Confessing God's Word sets me free.**

Confessing the Scriptures can be an act of spiritual warfare. By declaring God's truth out loud, we can resist and overcome the influence of negative thoughts, doubts, and spiritual attacks from the enemy.

There is power in God's Word to bring freedom and victory in areas of personal struggle.

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."— Romans 10:9-10 (NIV)