



CHRISTMAS FOR THE VALLEY

WHY READ THE BIBLE?

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God loves YOU and one of the best ways for you to know this truth is to read His Word. The more time you spend in the Word, the more you truly get to know WHO God is and grow in your faith and truly get to know the person of Jesus!

GROUP DISCUSSION:

What are some of the ways you get to know people?

BIG IDEA: If you want to know God, you have to spend time in His Word.

BENEFIT OF BEING IN GOD'S WORD:

1. You get to know who God is.
2. You grow in your faith.
3. You get to know the person of Jesus.

You get to know who God is.

READ 2 Peter 1:19-21. God has revealed Himself through scripture. He spoke His very words through the authors of Scripture and we know that it is “completely reliable.” How does knowing that the Bible is literally God’s Word change the way you read it? Share about some of the most important things you have learned about Who God is through your time in His Word.

You grow in your faith.

READ 2 Timothy 3:14-17 and Hebrews 4:12. God has given us His Word so that we can be well equipped for everything and anything that He has called us to. He’s also given it to be a mirror so He can work in our hearts and challenge us to grow. How have you grown in your faith as you’ve spent time in God’s Word? Paul Moon reminded us that daily time with God strengthens us for the times when we need God most. How have you seen that in your own life?

Get to know the person of Jesus

READ Hebrews 1:1-4 and John 1:1-18. Jesus is the Word, the fullest expression of who God is. How have you grown in your relationship with Jesus through your time in the Word? Share your favorite story about Jesus and why is it so meaningful to you?

READ John 20:30-31. We have the Word of God to know Jesus more and to be transformed by him. It's not simply learning facts about God, it's growing in relationship to Him. Does this change the way you read the Bible? How?

What are the next steps you can take to be in the Word more? Here are some suggestions:

1. Read your Bible.
2. ESV [Bible in a Year](#)
3. Get a planner/devotional
4. Podcasts - [Gospel in Life by Tim Keller](#) and [Transformation Church](#).
5. Make church a priority

THIS WEEK:

Make a plan to spend time in God's Word in 2022!



Join us ONLINE next Sunday to hear a powerful message by Megan Fate Marshman.