

Sermon Discussion Questions: Bible Reading

October 6th, 2019

1. What in the sermon encouraged you, comforted you, challenged you, or informed you?

2. Read Colossians 3:15 and Isaiah 26:3-4. How does Christ's rule in our hearts give us peace regarding our sin and difficult situations in life?

3. What situations in your life right now cause you anxiety for which you need Christ's ruling peace? In what relationships are you experiencing conflict and hostility? What are some practical ways you can reflect the peace of Christ in these relationships?

4. When it comes to Bible reading, we can fall into an intellectualizing trap: We can treat the Bible as an intellectual textbook to study rigorously and miss the importance of worshiping God in His Word. How does Colossians 3:16-17 encourage us to engage God in worship through the Word of God?

5. We can also fall into an emotionalizing trap: We can get so drawn into the emotional experience of God in His Word that we miss the importance of application and seeking change by the Word of God. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. How might we approach the word of God that it might change our lives (Emphasis on 2 Timothy 3:15)?

6. Read Psalm 19:7-14. Pray together as a group, giving thanks for the various benefits of God's word and ask for God's help to worship and seek transformation through His Word.

7. Begin worshipping God in His Word this week in 1 Timothy. Below are the verses for the week ahead along with some guidance as to how to worship God through His Word.
 - **Adoration:** Read and adore God for His great character and kingdom clarified in the verse.
 - **Meditation:** Read and consider key phrases, prepositions, people, plots, connections, and redemptive themes.
 - **Confession:** Read and confess ways you don't reflect God's character and kingdom in the verse.
 - **Thanksgiving:** Read and give thanks for God's grace, forgiveness, and help in or around the verse.
 - **Supplication:** Read and seek God's guidance in applying the text. Write down application.

10/07 1 Timothy 1:1-7

10/08 1 Timothy 1:8-11

10/09 1 Timothy 1:12-17

10/10 1 Timothy 1:18-20

10/11 1 Timothy 2:1-4