

The Walk: Transformed by the Power of God's Word

(Week 3: Corresponding to message on Jan. 17, 2016)

Getting Started:

1. Share one way your prayer life changed this past week.
2. How was your view of God changed? During the week? During Worship?
3. Share how important God's Word has been for your own spiritual growth? Why?

Digging Deeper:

1. Briefly describe the example and response of the nation of Israel as recorded in Nehemiah 8 – 9:3.
 - a. How were you encouraged and/or convicted?
 - b. Why is application so important? Why is reading and understanding God's Word first important to application?
 - c. What was one take away from the message?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:1 – 3.
 - a. List the principles concerning God's Word and your spiritual growth that are found in these verses. What does it mean to "grow in your salvation?"
 - b. What are the by-products of spending time in God's Word (Verse 1)?
3. Read Hebrews 5:11 – 6:3.
 - a. What does "word of righteousness" refer to?
 - b. What is the difference between "milk" and "solid food?"
 - c. What distinguishes mature believers from immature believers?

d. How does a believer mature in their faith (5:14 – 6:3)?

4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

a. Who is the Author of all Scripture? What does the word “inspired” mean?

b. How is God's Word useful in our lives?

c. What is the result of spending time in God's Word?

5. Read Psalm 119:1 – 16, 24, 32, 34, 38, 48, 50, 66, 71, 73, 93, 101, 104, 105, 106, 114, 133, 136, 147, 148, 165, 175.

a. What do these verses teach us about the desire we should have for God's Word?

b. List the benefits of being in God's Word?

Application:

1. What keeps us from spending time in God's Word? How can these hurdles be eliminated? If you have been successful at establishing a regular or daily time in God's Word, share briefly what has worked and why.

2. As we have studied God's Word together, which principles did the Holy Spirit say you are doing right? Which principles did you sense conviction and prompting to practice this week?

3. Share how you will read the Word differently this week and apply what it says.