

Start With

WHY

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Week 3 – Why do we listen to the Word taught?

Power of the Word Heb. 4:11-13

- 1. God's Word is _____**
Hebrews 4:12 & Isaiah 40:8
Since Jesus is the living God, and His Word cannot be separated from Him, that Word is a living Word. It can never be exterminated.
- 2. God's Word is _____**
Hebrews 4:12 & Isaiah 55:10-11
We get our word "energy" from the Greek word translated "active." It means that the Word is effectual. It accomplishes what God intends for it to do.
- 3. God's Word will _____ our relationship to Jesus**
The Bible, under the Illumination of the Holy Spirit, reveals Him to us.
- 4. The Word of God will help us _____ declare the Gospel with much more _____**
It is in the Word of God that you will get truth that is sharper than a two-edged sword, that is like a fire and a hammer.
- 5. The Word of God opens our _____**
And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:27)
- 6. The Bible contains a _____ - _____ message of freedom**
The Bible has liberated many from oppression by its clear teachings. It raises the dignity and rights of every human being.
- 7. The Bible connects you to history's most _____ figure**
You may have heard of Jesus of Nazareth, also called the "Christ" (i.e. "Anointed One"). The entire Old Testament points to His coming, and the entire New Testament testifies to His teachings and actions.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. How valuable is the Word of God to you personally? If you miss a day or two in the Word, how do you feel? In what way do you think it is affecting your spiritual life?
2. How much of your weekly time in the Word is spent listening to others read or teach it?

Ponderings:

3. What does it mean that God's Word is "living"? Active? That it penetrates?
4. When the author of Hebrews uses the term "Word of God", what is he referring to?
5. What does it mean when the Word of God is compared to a two-edged sword? (See also Eph. 6:17) In what way does the Word cut, in relationship to our lives?

Promptings:

6. How would you explain the "promised rest" to someone who is not a Christian? What situations today would make this type of exhortation necessary?
7. What evidence do you have that the Word of God is living and active in your life?
8. When have you used the Word of God as a sword in your life?