

The Word | Transformed

WEEK FOUR | PASTOR **BOB JOHNSTON**

The effectiveness of God's Word in your life
is up to you.

KNOW

You Must Choose to Read the Word

- ◇ The Word of God cannot be at work in you if the word itself is not in you.
- ◇ Use whatever time you have, but take your time using it.
- ◇ If you don't have a daily quiet time, schedule one like you would a doctor's appointment.
- ◇ During that time read, study, think about it, talk to God.

You Choose to believe the Word

- ◇ If you never had any doubts, you wouldn't need any faith. Koinonia (Greek) means common involvement, relationship.
- ◇ Psalms 119:30
- ◇ 2 Timothy 1:12
- ◇ Job 13:15

You Must Choose to Declare the Word

- ◇ Let the Word of God be the confession of your mouth.
- ◇ When you say what God says, you begin to think like God thinks.

You Must Choose to Act on the Word

- ◇ A believer lives according to the Word.
- ◇ We prove we believe by how we behave.
- ◇ When you act on God's Word, God's Word acts on you.

SCRIPTURES

Psalms 119:11,16

2 Timothy 3:16-17

1 Thessalonians 2:13

Matthew 9:29

Hebrews 4:2

John 8:31-32

Hebrews 10:23

Hebrews 4:12

Isaiah 55:11

Jeremiah 23:29

John 6:63

Psalms 119:50

Psalms 119:103

Matthew 4:4

James 1:22

Matthew 7:24-27

QUOTE

“News articles may inform us. Novels may inspire us. Poetry may enrapture us. But only the living active Word of God can transform us. “

– Chuck Swindoll

WARM-UP | Getting Started

If you were writing a book about your life, what would the title be?

GROW | Dive Deeper

1. What do you think are some hindrances to reading the Word of God?
2. Share with the group one Scripture that has provided strength for you during a challenging time.
3. Pastor Bob said, we must choose to Declare the Word over ourselves, over our situation. How can we change the way we view the Word? Take some time to speak out loud the following declarations:
 - Psalm 27:13
 - Romans 8:28
 - Jeremiah 29:11
 - Philippians 4:13
 - Psalm 139:14
 - Timothy 1:7
 - Isaiah 41:10
 - Numbers 23:19
 - Isaiah 43:19
 - Proverbs 3:5-6
4. What are some things that have taken the place of the Word of God in our lives? What steps can we take to give priority to the Word of God?
5. Pastor Bob said, "We prove we believe it by the way we behave." How does the Word affect our belief and behaviour?
6. Read the following Scriptures out loud. Discuss.

Hebrews 4:12	Psalms 119:50
Isaiah 55:11	Psalms 119:103
Jeremiah 23:29	Matthew 4:4
John 6:63	

GO | Apply

Pastor Bob made a powerful statement on Sunday: "when you act on God's word, God's word will act on you"

Take seven days to carefully read through the teachings of Jesus found in Matthew 5 - 7. Have conversations with God while you read; ask Holy Spirit to help you "act on" what the scriptures say. Then, put it to practice during the week! Be prepared to share your experience when you meet again.

