Worship & Ministry Meeting Fall 2024 Semester

The church in Madison

The Way to Enjoy the Bible

Col 3:16

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..."

Review

The Bible is the Word of God

Balance between Spirit within and Bible without

Understanding requires a trained mind and an exercised spirit

The Bible is God-breathed

It testifies concerning the Lord Jesus Makes men wise unto salvation Is our spiritual food

Review

Our Attitude Toward the Bible

We need to:

- Believe the Bible
- Know the truth in the Bible
- Apply the truth of the Bible

Ways to Enjoy the Word of God

- 1) Reading the Word of God
- 2) Pray-reading
- 3) Studying
- 4) Memorizing
- 5) Speaking
- 6) Singing
- 7) Practice

The Bible is The Word of God

The nature of the Word of God is

Divine and Spiritual

- Milk for the soul (1 Pet 2:2)
- Nourishes our inner man through
- Rational understanding of our mind
- Exercise our inner spirit

Exercise our mind to understand, then exercise our spirit to turn the word into prayer, to assimilate it, to receive the life supply

Reading the Word of God

All believers should read the Bible Col 3:16

Read sequentially: cover-to-cover

Get an overview of the Bible

Become familiar with the stories, the history, the truths

Make a schedule, try to read every day

Pray- Reading the Word of God

A simple, beneficial, spiritual way to enjoy the Bible is to use the words of the Bible as your prayer

Eph 6:17-18

Use the words of the Bible as your prayer

Chew on the words

Pray the words to God

Pray the words for yourself

Repeat them until you are nourished

Practice: Psa 119:11 "Thy word have I hid in my heart..."

Col3:16

Studying the Word of God

Reading provides breadth Pray-reading provide enjoyment Studying provides depth Learn the facts of the Bible How many books in OT and NT? What are the names of the books? What is the main subject of each book? What are the main truths?

Use quality study aids, helpful materials Find a companion Be consistent, pursue, seek, ask, knock

Memorize the Word of God

Memorize key verses

Speak them over and over to yourself
Chew your cud

Practice

Speaking the Word of God

Every believe can (must) learn to speak

A spiritual law - once you are filled, you must flow out

The clearest water is flowing water

Speak to others in your daily life

Speak the gospel to help others know God

Speak in the church meetings

1 Cor 14:1, 26 (Prophesy)

Eph 5:18-19 "be filled in spirit, speaking to one another..."

Singing the Word of God

Sing the words of the Bible

Sing the hymns

Create your own tunes

Rejoice in the Lord always,

Again I say rejoice! (2X)

Rejoice, rejoice, again I say rejoice (2X)

Phil 4:4

Singing the Word of God

Sing the words of the Bible

All scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, fully equipped for every good work.

2 Tim 3:16

Singing the Word of God

Sing the words of the Bible

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And His righteousnes

And all these things shall be added unto you

Hallelu, Hallelujah

Matt 6:33

Discussion/questions

- 1. What was the topic today?
- 2. What was one main verse shared multiple times? Can you quote it?
- 3. Name some ways to enjoy the Bible
- 4. What does it mean to pray-read the Bible?
- 5. How many books are in the Bible?
- 6. Am I permitted to speak in a church meeting?