

Our Measures**# 2 Engaging God's Word and Spirit*****How have I responded to God's Word and Spirit today?*****Dr. Larry Lamb – June 24, 2018****Our *Mission***

Inviting the lost and broken into our Christ-centered journey
from empty religion to generational life change.

Our *Values*

- Value # 1 Biblical Truth Alive In Love
- Value # 2 Power of Prayer
- Value # 3 Life Changing Generosity
- Value # 4 Unity In Diversity
- Value # 5 Before You're Ready

Our *Strategy*

- # 1 Worship
- # 2 Community Groups
- # 3 Serve Teams
- # 4 Spiritual growth

Our *Measures*

- # 1 – Motivated by Christ's love – *are my decisions and actions driven by the cross?*
- # 2 – Engaging God's Word and Spirit – *how have I responded to God's Word and Spirit today?*
- # 3 – Thankful for grace – *Am I giving, forgiving and grateful?*
- # 4 – Sharing the journey – *who am I inviting to the gospel?*

Other religions in the world are works and performance based. Biblical Christianity is grace based where we are in the family of God not on the merit of our behavior, but on the character and nature of God's grace.

Religions of the world say... "Do good to be accepted." **Earn it!**
Biblical Christianity says.... "You're accepted by grace." **Receive it!**

(RESOURCE: The Reason For God...Belief in an age of skepticism by T. Keller)

MEASURE # 2

Engaging God's Word and Spirit

How have I responded to God's Word and Spirit today?

Hebrews 4.12 *For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

- ◆ It's easy to be religious and not **GODLY**.
- ◆ It's easy to do Christian activity and not be **CLOSE** with the Savior.
- ◆ It's easy to use Christian words and not be a person of spiritual **DEPTH**.
- ◆ It's easy to be a fake, but not a **FAITHFUL** follower of Jesus.

Galatians 5.16 *So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.*

"AS WE STUDY OUR BIBLE, THE HOLY SPIRIT STUDIES US." Haddon Robinson

Proverbs 1.7 *Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline.*

From reading Scripture, am I being prompted to:

1. **CONFESS** a known sin. (*Psalm 51.2-4*)
2. Get serious about my **IDENTITY** in Jesus. (*Romans 8.1*)
3. Become a life-long **LEARNER** of God's Word. (*2 Timothy 2.15*)

PSALM 119 IN 7 DAYS

"Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path." (v.105)

Monday	1-25	Thursday	77-102	Sunday	155-176
Tuesday	26-51	Friday	103-128		
Wednesday	52-76	Saturday	129-154		

Dear God, I know that I am on the wrong path. I admit that I am a sinner on the road headed away from You. I want to turn around and journey with You on the road to eternal life. I know that I cannot do that by myself. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Right now, I trust in Jesus as the only One who can provide true life, the life that is found in You. I trust in Jesus as the One who did for me what I cannot do for myself. I trust in Jesus as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.