Two-Edged

Hebrews 4:9-14

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Hebrews 4:9-14 – 9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13 And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. 14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

What voice do you hear when you read The Word?

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The <u>WORD</u> of <u>GOD</u> is <u>LIVING</u> and <u>ACTIVE</u>.

<u>READ</u> the word like you <u>MEAN</u> to.

<u>READING</u> scripture is <u>COMMUNION</u> with <u>GOD</u>.

The <u>WORD</u> of <u>GOD</u> is <u>SHARPER</u> than a <u>TWO-EDGED</u> sword.

The word of God READS us.

We don't <u>MASTER</u> the <u>SCRIPTURES</u>. The <u>SCRIPTURES</u> <u>MASTER</u> us.

What God wants us to know:

Every word of Scripture is **PRECIOUS**.

God has a **VOICE**. God wants me to **HEAR**.

God's word is <u>LIVING</u> and <u>ACTIVE</u> and <u>SHARPER</u> than anything.

What God wants us to do:

Approach every reading with **EXPECTANCY**.

SURRENDER to what the WORD reveals.

RESPOND in faith and action.

Small Group Questions

How does Scripture help a believer grow?

Is there a way to create an atmosphere for more communion with God during scripture reading?

How does the word read us? How does the word master us?

How do I know I'm hearing God's voice rather than another?

What should I expect when reading Scripture?