



Digging Deeper

Putting your faith in ACTION!

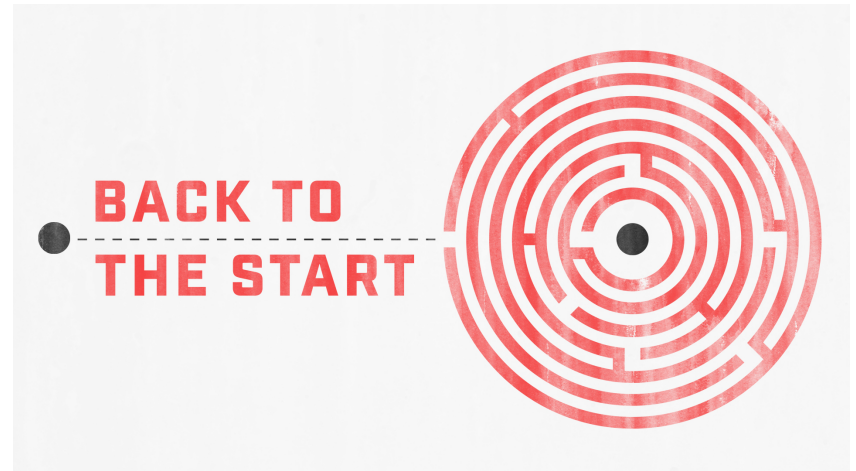
This morning let's not be just 'hearers' of the Word, but 'doers of the word. Take some time at lunch, dinner, or bedtime to DIG DEEPER into the today's lesson and story. Take a few moments to apply today's lesson to our lives.

ASK MYSELF...challenging questions for the heart:

1. What is the one thing that stood out to you from today's message?
2. What challenges or roadblocks prevent you from reading the Bible every day (if at all)?
3. What is the difference between *reading* the Bible and *studying* the Bible? Do you do both?
4. Read Hebrews 5:12 as if the Apostle Paul were writing this to you directly. How would you respond to this? Is there a call to action here for you?
5. If you don't have one, make a plan for your Bible reading and study.

FOR THE FAMILY...challenging questions for family life:

1. The importance of scripture is first taught at home. If your family does not yet have a Bible reading or study time, establish one for the New Year. Perhaps every Sunday evening you can take 15 minutes or perhaps take turns reading a couple of verses before dinner.
2. How can you help your young person develop a Bible study plan?
3. Take some time pray together.



Today's Service

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Series: Back to the Start Part 3: To Light The Way

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If God's Word is absent from our lives, we are unable to know what is _____, realize what is _____ with us and how to fix it, nor can we do the _____ and _____ things God has called us to do.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT) ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. ¹⁷God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT) ¹²For 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.

God's Word is crucial to our _____.

Psalms 119:105 (NLT) ¹⁰⁵Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

John 1:6-9; 1, 14a (NLT) ⁶God sent a man, John the Baptist, ⁷to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. ⁸John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. ⁹The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.

¹⁴So the Word became human and made his home among us...

Joshua 1:8 (NLT) ⁸Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

2 Timothy 2:15 (NLT) ¹⁵Work hard so you can present yourself to God and receive his approval. Be a good worker, one who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly explains the word of truth.

1. We must _____ the Bible _____ in order to know what it says.

1 Timothy 4:13 (NLT) ¹³Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them.

Colossians 3:16 (ESV) ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

2. We must _____ the Bible to _____ what it means.

Psalms 119:130 (NLT) ¹³⁰The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.

Hebrews 5:12 (NLT) ¹²You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food.

3. We must _____ the Bible to gain its _____.

Psalms 119:9 (NLT) ⁹How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word.

Deuteronomy 32:47 (NLT) ⁴⁷These instructions are not empty words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River."

Luke 11:28 (NLT) ²⁸Jesus replied, "But even more blessed are all who hear the word of God and put it into practice."

John 14:15 (NLT) ¹⁵"If you love me, obey my commandments.

James 1:22 (NLT) ²²But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves.

Psalms 119:106 (NLT) ¹⁰⁶I've promised it once, and I'll promise it again: I will obey your righteous regulations.

