

Bible Benefits

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FBC MISSION: Seeking to honor God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus who love, live, and share Him.

Introduction:

Big Idea: The point reading/studying the Bible is to fill your heart with wonder and responsive obedience--_____.

A few Benefits of the Bible (Psalm 119)

- The Bible is _____ (Psalm 119:89)
 1. Jesus believed that when the authors of the Bible wrote, they spoke the very _____ of God.
 2. The Bible is a word that comes down from _____, not a consensus of wisdom that rises up from below.
 3. You have to _____ the Bible is true or not.

- The Bible is _____ (Psalm 119:1, 105)
 1. The word "law" means _____, like something you'd use to measure a piece of cloth or construct a building.
 2. God's law is the straight edge by which we _____ all things in life... what is good, bad, right and wrong
 3. The word gives you wisdom about things you can't _____.

The teaching of Jesus on the Bible (Matthew 13:1-23)

- The _____ Heart (Matthew 13:4, 18-19)
- The _____ Heart (Matthew 13:5-6, 20-21)
- The _____ Heart (Matthew 13:7, 22)
- The _____ Heart (Matthew 13:8, 23)

Truth into Action:

- The Bible is designed to transform your hard-shallow-divided heart into one that is RECEPTIVE WORSHIP GUIDED. Evaluate your heart today and identify which one describes your heart today.
- Make a plan today for the role the Bible will play in your life in 2022.



Please understand we want to help you know Jesus personally and journey with you in taking fresh steps of obedience daily. We would love to pray with you and for you. Join us at the end of the service for prayer or send us your request on the Connect Card and we will lift them up throughout the week.

Table Talk

1. Discuss how the bible is different from any other book. Based upon these Bible verses, put into your own words how the Bible works: Psalm 119:105, Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12, Jeremiah 23:29
2. What are the dangers I am warned of according to Hebrews 5:11-14? _____. How does this condition described play out in one's life?
4. As mentioned in the sermon, what are four responses to the Bible based upon the teaching of Jesus in Matthew 13? Which condition best describes your heart condition right now? How does this condition set you up for bearing fruit or suffering the consequences of disobedience in 2022?
5. How does this lesson fit into our mission statement? (Statement is posted at the beginning of the sermon notes)

S.O.A.P. is an acronym that stands for Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer.

You can take these as far as you want, so we've suggested some levels of engagement for you in each section. Don't feel pressured to go all the way on everything. Take it as far as you can and allow the Holy Spirit to help you in your understanding (James 1:5).

S – Scripture

- Level 1: After you read a chosen passage, select one verse or section to focus on for your study. Write it down, using the exact words, to help you begin focusing on this particular piece of God's Word.
- Level 2: Look at different translations of this verse and write down the translation that is most impactful to you. We really love BibleGateway.com for looking up verses!
- Level 3: Explore the original language used in your selected verse to really expand your understanding of the translation and prepare you for the next section. Use an interlinear Bible like the one found at BibleStudyTools.com.

O – Observation

- Level 1: Read the passage again and observe what's really happening here. Take into account the context of the verse. BibleRef.com is an excellent Bible commentary that provides the context of every verse of the Bible! Write down your observations.
- Level 2: Look up keywords, themes, or topics from this passage in a concordance, BibleRef.com, 412teens.org, and/or at GotQuestions.org to help expand your understanding of the passage. Add to your observations.
- Level 3: Using one of the above resources, read cross references to other places in the Bible to help support your observations and/or help you better understand what's happening.

A – Application

- Level 1: Consider how this passage affects your life and/or your understanding of the human experience. How can you use this new knowledge to change your life for the better? Write down your discoveries.
- Level 2: Consider how this passage points back to Jesus, God's character, and/or the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Add this to your application section.
- Level 3: Make a plan for making at least one beneficial change to your life, behavior, or ways of thinking as a result of what you have learned.

P – Prayer

- Level 1: Talk to God about what you have learned. Thank Him for helping you understand or ask for more clarity. Make requests for your own spiritual growth.
- Level 2: Write out your prayer to help slow down and to serve as a record of your own spiritual growth.
- Level 3: Return to this prayer in the future to evaluate how God worked in your life in response to your requests.

CLOSING PRAYER: Pray the words of Psalm 103:1-2 over your lives.