



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: The Heart of The Home | Proclamation

Speaker: Pastor John Eric Zayas

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Small Group Guide: The Power of God's Word

Opening Prayer: Begin the session with a prayer, asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and guide the discussion.

Key Takeaways

- Proclamation is about believing God's Word is true and transformative for our lives.
- The Bible (Logos) reveals Jesus (the Living Word) and God's will for our lives.
- A Rhema word is a timely, specific message from God that should always point to Jesus.
- Being filled with God's Word helps us resist temptation and live obediently.
- Obeying God's Word leads to experiencing life, increase, and possessing God's promises.

Discussion Questions

1. The pastor mentions "logos" and "rhema" words. How would you explain the difference between these concepts in your own words?
2. The sermon emphasizes that Jesus used Scripture to combat temptation. Share a

time when knowing God's Word helped you resist a temptation or overcome a challenge.

3. How does the idea that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" challenge or encourage you in your daily life?
4. The pastor suggests that consistently falling into temptation might be linked to not being "full" of God's Word. Do you agree? How can we practically fill ourselves with Scripture?
5. Discuss the statement: "Your life becomes a rhema word that points to the logos." What does this mean to you, and how can we live it out?
6. The sermon touches on the importance of obeying God's commands. What's one area in your life where you feel God is calling you to greater obedience?

Practical Applications:

1. Daily Word: Commit to reading a portion of Scripture every day this week, even if it's just a few verses. Share with the group next week how this impacted your daily life.
2. Scripture Memorization: Choose a verse from today's discussion to memorize as a group. Consider how you might use this verse to encourage others or resist temptation.
3. Obedience Challenge: Identify one specific way you can obey God's Word this week based on what you've learned. Be prepared to share your experience with the group next time.
4. Proclamation in Action: Look for an opportunity to share how God's Word has impacted your life with someone who doesn't know Jesus. This could be through words or actions.

Closing Prayer: End the session by praying for each other, asking God to help apply these truths and to use each person's life as a "rhema word" that points others to Jesus.

5-Day Devotionals

Day 1: The Power of God's Word

Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Devotional: Jesus' response to temptation demonstrates the power of God's Word. When faced with the devil's offers, Jesus repeatedly says, "It is written," showing us that Scripture is our strongest defense against temptation. Today, reflect on areas in your life where you face temptation. How can you arm yourself with God's Word to resist these challenges? Commit to memorizing a verse that speaks to your specific struggle, and pray for the strength to stand firm in God's truth.

Day 2: Living by Every Word

Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Devotional: Moses reminds the Israelites that "man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord." This truth applies to us today. We often focus on our physical needs while neglecting our spiritual nourishment. Consider how you've been feeding your spirit lately. Have you been relying on God's Word for sustenance, or have you been spiritually malnourished? Make a plan to incorporate more of God's Word into your daily life, treating it as essential as your daily bread.

Day 3: The Living Word

Reading: John 1:1-14

Devotional: John introduces Jesus as the Word made flesh, the living embodiment of God's message to humanity. This profound concept reminds us that Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God's character and will. As you read about Jesus in the Gospels, look for ways His life and teachings illuminate God's nature. How does seeing Jesus as the living

Word change your approach to reading Scripture? Pray for a deeper understanding of God's character as revealed through Christ.

Day 4: Proclaiming God's Truth

Reading: Romans 10:14-17

Devotional: Paul emphasizes the importance of proclaiming God's message so that others may hear and believe. Our lives should be a "rhema word" that points others to Jesus. Reflect on how your actions and words are communicating God's truth to those around you. Are there areas where your life could more clearly reflect Christ? Ask God to help you live in a way that proclaims His love and truth to others.

Day 5: Obeying God's Commands

Reading: James 1:22-25

Devotional: James urges us not just to hear God's Word, but to do what it says. True spiritual growth comes from applying God's truth to our lives. Think about a command or principle from Scripture that you've been struggling to obey. What's holding you back? Ask God for the courage and strength to take a step of obedience today. Remember that as you act on God's Word, you'll experience the freedom and blessing that come from living in alignment with His will.