

**Summer at Cypress  
Study Guide Week 7  
Learn, Apply, & Grow**

**Learn**

We were reminded this weekend that we have the ability to hear the voice of God through Scripture and the Holy Spirit.

1. In the past couple months, how have you experienced the voice of God through either Scripture or the Holy Spirit?

When we read the Bible, we search for the truth of Scripture and how we can apply that truth to our lives on a daily basis.

2. How have you been obedient to apply the truth of Scripture in your life? How have you been disobedient?
3. What truth is the Lord asking you to apply to your life right now?

**Apply**

At times, when God asks us to do something (or allows something to happen in our lives) our initial reaction is often not our final action. When the woman in the story from 2 Kings gave the little she had, her initial reaction was that she had nothing... But it was enough for God.

4. Looking at difficult scenarios in your life, what were your initial reactions? Did your reactions change into a different response over time?

Our hope of Christian living is that God longs to transform our lives and minds. He makes us a new creation! This enables us to become submissive and obedient in any situation in life.

5. Living in the truth that God has made you a new creation, how does this change your reactions and responses to the circumstances in your life?

**Grow**

Even when we do not always understand the ways of God, our lives change when we learn to put God's Word into practice (trusting He will lead, guide, and strengthen you.) This can often be a painful process as we submit our desires and pursue a lifestyle that is pleasing to Christ.

6. What areas of your life do you need to submit in order to grow and pursue a God-honoring lifestyle? Pride? Language? Habits?
7. Who are the people in your life to help you succeed in pursuing this lifestyle?

Pastor Ken asked us to sit with these **8 questions** this week:

1. Are my initial reactions more in line with me or God?
2. Am I making progress in transformation?
3. How well am I digging in and learning?
4. How well am I applying what I learn to my daily life?
5. Do I empty me of me on a regular basis?
6. Am I seeking to be filled constantly?
7. Based on my love (for others) and my obedience to that which I already know... is my faith growing?
8. Does my heart break for the lost? What am I willing to sacrifice to that they may experience the love of Christ?

**Further Reading**

2 Kings 4:1-7

Romans 12:1-2

Colossians 1:10

Philippians 4:8-9

2 Corinthians 5:17