

The Holy Bible - Part 3

“Throwing And Catching”

Overview

In the third installment of The Holy Bible Series, Pastor Ryan encouraged us to commit to God’s Word in a fresh way. We need to love the Word of God and be willing to defend it and fight for it the way we would defend and fight for a person we love. It is God’s truth, so we need to embrace it fully and encourage others to do the same. We also need to learn the Word of God. We should make time to read it and study it daily. Finally, we need to apply the Word of God. Applying the truth of God’s Word in our everyday lives is the only way to live the full, abundant life He intends for us to have. Let’s recommit to loving, learning, and applying the Word.

97 Oh, how I **love your law!** I **meditate on it** all day long. **98** Your commands are **always with me** and make me wiser than my enemies.

Psalms 119

- Love: Submit to the authority of God’s Word, and embrace it as a precious gift in your life.
- Learn: Set aside time to listen to and read God’s Word every day. Study it with others in Life Groups.
- Live: Memorize the Word so you can be ready to use it in every situation you face.

Discussion

1. Do you submit to the Bible as the final authority in your life? What does it look like for you to “love” God’s Word?
2. How often do you read your Bible currently? What adjustments do you want to make to engage with God’s Word in a more meaningful way this year?
3. What is your favorite Bible reading plan or most helpful way of studying the Bible?
4. Have you ever memorized Scripture? What is a reasonable goal for Scripture memorization for you this year (e.g. one verse per week, one verse per month, one Psalm per month, etc.)? Who can you ask to memorize Scripture with you for support and accountability?

Prayer

Father, thank You for giving us Your Word so that we can learn about You and live by Your truth. Give us a hunger for the Bible like never before this year. Encounter us as we read it, and teach us how You want us to live. Give us courage to stand on Your Word when others challenge it. And help us “hide Your Word in our hearts” so that we can live it out every day. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.