
SUMMARY

In the previous two messages in this series, we talked about *interpretation*. This has to do with how to read the Bible and understand what it means. This last message as well as next weeks message will focus on *application*. Application has to do with answering the question, “What does this mean for us today?” This is the end goal of all our work in interpretation. If we simply know what a passage of scripture means but don’t do anything with what we’ve learned then we’ve missed the point of studying scripture.

GROUP QUESTIONS (*For use with your family, roommates, Community or Bible Group, or individually*)

Share something from the message or passages that surprised, encouraged, or troubled you.

Read Hebrews 4.12. What does this verse tell us? (You may also want to spend time discussing the entire chapter. I explained the context of chapters 3-4 in the message and then began reading in v11. You may want to do that in your study/group).

Discuss this principle, “Application is more about what God’s word does in us than what we do with God’s word!” How have you experienced God’s word working in you?

What is the good news of Hebrews 4.14-16?

Read Isaiah 55.10-11. What do we learn about God’s word there?

Discuss the 4 main ways scripture is profitable in 2 Timothy 3.16.

Share a recent time in your life when you applied a scripture in one of these ways. In other words, a recent time when you learned something new, were convicted, were corrected, and then trained? (This doesn’t have to be some incredible story, though it may be, but it could also just be something simple)

According to 2 Timothy 3.17, why would we study and apply the scriptures to our lives? What’s the end goal? Does this surprise you?

Share with each other ways the scriptures are equipping you for the good work God has called you to. This could be on your job, in ministry, or at home.

RESOURCES

The Journey from Text to Translations, Paul D. Wegner

The Bible Project Podcast and Videos: *How to Read The Bible*

ESV Study Bible

New Bible Commentary, Edited by Motyer, Carson, etc.

For the Love of God’s Word: An Introduction to Biblical Interpretation, Kostenberger and Patterson

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