
BE HOLY – PART 4

How God Uses the Bible to Make Us Holy

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: [Psalm 19](#)

How the Holy Bible makes us Holy:

1. GOD'S WORD IS _____, _____ THE SOUL.
2. GOD'S WORD IS _____, MAKING _____ THE SIMPLE.
3. GOD'S WORD IS _____, BRINGING _____ TO THE HEART.
4. GOD'S WORD IS _____, GIVING _____ FOR LIVING.
5. GOD'S WORD IS _____ AND IT LASTS _____.
6. GOD'S WORD IS _____ AND IS ALWAYS _____.

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: PRAY FIRST 2022

Message: BE HOLY – Part 4

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Connect (25min)

*If helpful, break into groups of 3-4 or men & women to share and pray for *Connect*.

1. HIGHLIGHT SPOTLIGHT

*Share 1 Favorite Highlight from January & 1 Thing Coming Up for you in February to Spotlight.

2. PRAY FIRST RECAP

*Share any highlights, insights, surprise, feedback or questions from your *Pray First* experience.

3. CHECK IN

*On a scale of 1-10 (poor-excellent) – How is your: **a. Physical Health** **b. Mental Health** **c. Spiritual Health**

4. OPEN UP – 📖 Read [Mark 12:30-31](#). Open with Praise to God & Prayer for One Another.

Message Discussion (45min)

1. BESIDES THE BIBLE...

a. What is one of your favorite Books of all time? What's been an influential book in your life?

b. Do you prefer *fiction* or *non-fiction*? What is your favorite genre of book?

Do you prefer hardcover or softcover? Printed, audiobook or kindle/electronic?

2. BIBLE BASICS: “The Bible is the most popular, powerful and precious book in the world” – Nicky Gumbel

**There are about 7000 spoken languages in the world. 717 languages have a full Bible, 1592 have the NT.*

2900 languages have active translation work. 1 in 5 people do not have a full Bible in their first language.

a. When & where did you receive your first Bible? Did your family read or teach the Bible to you as a kid?

What is one of your favorite books in the Bible? Is there a book in the Bible that you haven't read yet?

b. What does the word “**Bible**” mean? How many books are in the Bible?

c. Who are some of the key authors? What are the two main sections in the Bible and what/who divides them?

d. What are the major [genres of literature](#) within the Bible, and an example of each?

**Narrative *Poetry *Wisdom *Prophecy *Gospels *Epistles *Apocalypse*

e. What are some of the common roadblocks or challenges people have with reading the Bible?

f. Besides Church, when & where are you most likely to be caught reading your Bible?

3. WORD OF GOD

📖 Read [Psalm 119:9-16](#), [John 1:1-14](#), [Ephesians 6:17](#) & [Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

a. What is the difference & connection between “*The Word*” in these passages?

The phrase “word of God” means more than the printed words on a page. God is a communicator and has been speaking into the human realm since the beginning. He speaks through His creation ([Psalm 19:1](#)), through ancient prophets ([Hosea 12:10](#); [Hebrews 1:1](#)), through the Holy Spirit ([John 16:13](#); [Acts 16:6](#)), through Scripture ([Hebrews 4:12](#)), and through the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ ([John 14:9](#)). We can learn to know God better by seeking to hear Him in every way that He speaks.

4. 📖 Read [Psalm 19](#)
 - a. What jumps out at you from this passage of Scripture? Share
 - b. What are the six benefits of reading and applying God's Word from this passage? (see vv.7-9)
{ *It revives the soul, Makes wise the simple, Brings joy to the heart, Gives insight for living, It lasts forever, It is fair* }
 - c. Which benefit(s) have you personally experienced in your own life because of your time spent in God's Word?

5. 📖 Read [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)
 - a. How does this verse reinforce the benefits of Scripture that we read about in Psalm 19?
 - b. How do you or could you apply this verse in your own life? Discuss

6. 📖 Read [John 8:31](#)
 - a. What is the amazing thing this verse says the Word of God will do in your life?
(*Set you free so you don't do what you think is right about what God thinks is right*)
 - b. Have you ever experienced the Word of God as a direct source of direction and hope in your life? *Share examples*

Application & Prayer (15min)

"Reading the Bible generates life. It produces change. It heals hurts. It builds character. It transforms circumstances. It imparts joy. It overcomes adversity. It defeats temptation. It infuses hope. It releases power. It cleanses the mind."
- Rick Warren.

WORD UP THIS WEEK

- Is there a specific area in your life (now) where you need the wisdom of the Word of God as a guide?
- What would be a good first step for you to take to make the Bible the best source of wisdom and direction for your life? What step will you take to be more consistent in reading the Bible?
Do you have a Bible/Devotional plan for February? (Focus, Time, Location)
- Share as a group and encourage each other to spend time in God's Word this month.

PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER: *Break into groups of 3-4 or Men & Women for Prayer*

*In response to Sunday's Message, God's Word, and our Discussion...How can we Pray for you today?

RESOURCES

Alpha Film Series Ep.06 – Why & How Should I Read The Bible?: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/184825488>

The Bible Project: www.youtube.com/c/bibleproject

YouVersion Bible App & Plans: www.youversion.com/the-bible-app/ / www.bible.com/reading-plans

www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/explore-the-bible/what-does-bible-mean.html

www.biblegateway.com/blog/2016/03/the-many-genres-of-scripture

www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-Bible-Word-God.html

Wycliffe Bible Translators: www.wycliffe.org.uk/about/our-impact