

MAIN IDEA - The foundational spiritual discipline is to consistently spend time in the Bible.

Building Block #1 - BIBLE INTAKE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16

HEART

How much of a priority has your family made the reading and studying of the Bible?

Consider these ways of approaching the Bible: Reading, Studying, Hearing, Memorizing and Meditating. Which ones do your family members do consistently and which could you learn to prioritize more? To grow in these disciplines your family will need to believe that the Bible is important in your pursuit of godliness. Talk with one another about why the Bible is important and how you can help one another make it a priority.

Building Block #2 - READING THE BIBLE

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

HEAD

Why is it important that we read the Bible in its entirety?

Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3 that all of Scripture is useful to us. Jesus gives an example of this when he teaches the disciples on the road to Emmaus about himself using all of the Old Testament. From cover to cover, the Bible works together to give us a better understanding of who God is, what God has done, and how we are to respond to that. When we leave portions of the Bible out, we miss out on part of the beautiful picture God painted for us in His word.

Building Block #3 - STUDYING THE BIBLE

EZRA 7:10

HANDS

Choose a short passage of Scripture.

Second Timothy 3:16-17 may be a good place to start. As a family, read through it, ask as many questions as you can about it. Try to craft a sentence that expresses the meaning in your own words. Discuss how you should practically apply it to your lives.

Pray

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

Adoration

God, you are so generous to provide us with your word so that we can learn about you and how you want us to live.

Confession

We confess that we are in need of teaching and correction because we are both ignorant and sinful.

Thanksgiving

Thank you for providing all that we need to learn your ways and to grow in godliness.

Supplication

Please give us the discipline we need to open your word and use it to train us for righteousness.

Memorize

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

SUMMARY

This week we are starting a new series on the book of Hebrews. At the beginning of the book, the author urges his audience to pay very close attention to Jesus. These Jewish believers had a tendency to put their faith in Jesus, but to put their hope in the old religious practices that they trusted in before Christ. In a world that is full of voices demanding our attention and promising us hope, we have to be reminded that the voice that matters most is the voice of Jesus.

TEXT

Hebrews 1-2

OUTLINE

Pay attention to Jesus

1. Because God has Spoken (1:1-3)

- To the Prophets: All of Scripture gives us the very words of God.
- By His Son: In Jesus, the Creator and sustainer of all things has spoken.
- We have the opportunity to listen and learn from the Almighty God. We should pay attention.

2. Because Jesus is Better (1:3-14)

- The nature and identity of Jesus is described in detail using an array of Old Testament references, showing that Jesus is not just another creature, an angel, or any other messenger.
- Jesus is the Divine Son and should be listened to over all else.

3. Because We will be Judged (2:1-4)

- Those who reject the message of Jesus will be judged for their sin.
- We must pay close attention because this better messenger, the Divine speaker, Jesus will return and the whole earth will be judged by their response to Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- Whose voice do you listen to in this life? Who do you respect enough to pay attention to?
- What is it about Jesus that makes him worth paying attention to?
- How is the message of Jesus different from the hopeful messages of the world?