

God's Beautiful Disciplined Church

Week's Reading: 1 Timothy 4:7-10; Psalm 119:9-16, 97; Luke 2:41-47; Luke 11:28;
Matthew 4:4; John 17:17; Ephesians 6:17; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Discussion Guide: July 10, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: *train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.* - 1 Timothy 4:7b-8

In what way did you practice Christian discipline this past week?

OPEN:

- What area of your life do you think you are most disciplined in?
 - o What is your primary motivation?

**READ and ASK: 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Psalm 119:9-16; Luke 11:28; Acts 17:10-12
Ephesians 6:17; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

- What is the goal of practicing spiritual disciplines?
- What truths about the words of God (God's word) are in these passages?
 - o Which one did you most need reminded of?
- Respond to this quote from Donald S. Whitney: *"No Spiritual Discipline is more important than the intake of God's Word... There simply is no healthy Christian life apart from a diet of the milk and meat of Scripture."*
 - o Do you agree or disagree?
 - o How does it challenge you?
- Why should we think of the concept of a "dusty family Bible" as wasteful and convicting?
- How do we balance between hearing God's Word and reading God's Word?
 - o How do they work together?
- How have you experienced God's word like a sword (Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 6:17)?

APPLY:

- What do you find most challenging about reading the Bible? (*leaders: log these answers*)
- How much time do you regularly commit to hearing God's word? Reading God's word? Chewing (meditating) on God's word?
 - o What value do you find in all three?
- What difference does the Bible make in the way you live? (no difference, some difference, significant difference, complete difference?)
 - o If your growth in Godliness were measured by the quality of your Bible intake, what would be the result?
- NEXT STEP: What is one thing you can do to improve your Bible intake this week?

Memory Work:

Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it. - Luke 11:28

Next Week's Reading:

Matthew 6:5-18; Luke 5:13-16; Philippians 4:6-7;
Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18