

Sermon: Meditate on the word

The universe speaks of God

Psalm 19:1-6

The creation points to the Creator.

God speaks to us

Psalm 19:7-9

To really know God, we need to hear from him.

God's commands make sense.

The precious word of God

Psalm 19:10-14

There is a difference between errors and willful sins.

It is wonderful to be innocent.

Bible Study: Meditate on the word

Getting to know you

1. What is your favorite Bible verse/passage? Why?

Going deeper

2. Read Acts 17:11-12. What was special about the people of Berea according to this passage? Why is this trait important?

The Bereans searched the Scriptures to find out if what the missionaries were saying was true. This is important because we are responsible for what God has written to us. We can't abdicate and let someone else tell us what God says and means. Pastors can be helpful in understanding Scriptures but we should always confirm it by reading the Bible ourselves. The Bible belongs to you. Just because some TV preacher or some theologian says something about the Bible doesn't mean it's true. There is nothing so foolish that some professor hasn't said it. Don't give authority to any man or woman. Check out God's word for yourself.

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What do you think this passage means when it says that all Scripture is "God-breathed"? How would you describe this?

The Bible was written by human beings. We can tell their personalities and individual experiences in what they wrote. However, they were inspired (God-breathed in) to write what they did. God was the inspiration behind it and he made sure his message came through.

4. Verse 15 has one purpose for the Bible and verse 16 has four. What are they? Have you used the Bible for each of these purposes?

It makes you wise for salvation. It is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. Teaching is gaining new information and new ways of thinking. Rebuking is when we are told that we are wrong. Correcting tells us how to change what is wrong to do right. Training helps us to consistently practice the things of righteousness.

5. Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. Why do you think verse 2 follows verse 1?

What does "craving pure spiritual milk" have to do with ridding oneself of deceit, slander and etc.?

We can't get rid of deceit, slander, etc. on our own. Our will is the problem; it can't be the solution. When we get in the word of God we gain the information, the wisdom and the ability to get rid of all those negatives in our lives.

6. Do you "crave pure spiritual milk"? How does this show in your life?

Putting it into practice

7. If you aren't in the habit already, commit to spending time in the word at the beginning of each day for the coming week and "see that the Lord is good." See what a difference it makes in your life. Does reading God's word give you the desire to read more?