

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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Rhythms of Grace

BIBLE PASSAGES -

Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

Other Passages: *Joshua 1:6-9, Psalm 1:1-3, Romans 12:1-2, Gen 3:8-9, Phil 4:6, 1 Peter 5:7, Matthew 4:4, Rev 1:3, John 8:32, Proverbs 3:3, 2 Samuel 6:5, Psalm 147:7*

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. Share with the group a favorite verse or passage of the Bible and why it matters to you.
2. Set a timer for one minute and read Psalm 1 together. What verses stand out? What does the passage say will come with meditating (thinking upon) the Bible?
3. Pick a verse as a group, perhaps one of the ones above in *Other Passages* and memorize it as a group.
4. The Bible is the *canon*-from the Greek word *kanon*- which was a measuring tool. The Bible is the authoritative word of God that informs everything else about us. Why do you think that this standard is so often 'flipped' i.e identity informing the interpretation of Scripture, feelings informing it, etc?
5. Take some time to reflect on the past week, how often did you read the Bible? How often did you talk to your friends? Reading the Bible isn't a requirement as believers-its a gift! It grows our relationship with God. Consider a small practical thing you could remove from your day to add in time reading the Bible.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS