



I Have Decided Week 3 – To Engage the Bible Daily Spiritual Formation & Discussion Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take your next spiritual step, contact us at info@wschurch.org.

Scripture:

I will delight in your decrees and will not neglect your word... Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long.
Psalm 119:16, 97

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame."

1 Peter 2:6

Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.

Luke 21:33

Reflection Questions:

- Do you have a Bible verse or passage that means a lot to you? What is it and why is it so meaningful to you?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God encouraging and challenging you through the songs, the message, and being with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- When was the last time you reflected on the foundation of your life? Eddie encouraged us to spend a moment with this question: **"What is the foundation of my life and how can I strengthen it?"** Take a few moments right now to reflect and make some honest observations. Then, share as you're willing.
- Read Psalm 119:16, 97 and 1 Peter 2:6. What do you observe about how these verses describe God's Word through Scripture and God's Word through Jesus?

- Eddie shared, “The reason we don’t love the Bible is because we don’t know it well enough to love it.” What are some of the ways that are difficult for you when you try to study it?
- In the message, Eddie listed two (of many possible) benefits of embracing the Bible:
 - **You’ll become more familiar with the real Jesus**
 - **You will better discern God’s will for you**
 Which of those are you most drawn to? Why?
- Share with each other what some of the ways you’ve used to engage the Bible regularly? Get practical and share with one another!
- Is there one way of spending regular time with God through the Bible that you want to try?
- Is there anything else from this teaching that you want to explore more?
- Read Luke 21:33. Take time to pray as you close your time of reflection or discussion, thanking God for his Word.

Looking for some ways to grow spiritually?

We have a new resource, the **Write it Down Journal**, which you can get at our Next Steps Area for a suggested donation of \$3 or access online at <https://www.wschurch.org/content/pdf/SpiritualJournal.pdf>. Writing things down is a simple spiritual practice that helps us pay attention to God and what he is teaching us.

Visit www.wschurch.org/resources to see additional tools and resources.

Message Main Points and Scripture:

- **FOUNDATIONS MATTER**
- **God wants the Bible to be the foundation of your life.**
- 2 Timothy 3:16 – “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.”
- Matthew 5:6 - “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness.”
- **“What is the foundation of my life and how can I strengthen it?”**
- John 8:44 - “The devil was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
- Psalm 119:16, 97 – “I will delight in your decrees and will not neglect your word... Oh, how I love your instructions! I think about them all day long.”
- **The reason we don’t love the Bible is because we don’t know it well enough to love it.**
- 1 Peter 2:6 – “For in Scripture it says: ‘See, I lay a stone in Zion a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.’”
- **You’ll become more familiar with the real Jesus.**
- 2 Corinthians 11:3 - “You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.”
- **You will better discern God’s will for you.**
- Matthew 26:39 - “My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”
- **God’s will never contradicts God’s word.**
- Luke 21:33 – “Heaven and earth will disappear, but my words will never disappear.”