

Word Study

OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this study is to insure that the student will make the Bible the standard for their lives and beliefs, as well as prepare them to allow the Bible to change their lives.

PREPARATORY QUESTIONS

1. How has reading and praying daily helped you?
2. Do you believe that the whole Bible is the inspired word of God?

A MESSAGE FROM GOD

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- What does it mean that the word of God is “God breathed”?
- What do the words teach, correct, rebuke, and train mean in this context?
- What type of attitude should you have to be taught, rebuked, corrected and trained by the Bible?
- Are you ready for the Bible to have this kind of affect on you?
- What does thoroughly equipped mean?

TEACHINGS AND THE TRUTH

John 8:31-34

31To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 33They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants^[b] and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?" 34Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin.

- Did the Jews in this passage have faith in Jesus?
- Was that faith alone enough for Jesus to consider them freed from their sin ?
- According to Jesus, what else did they need?
- It is not enough for us to know and believe the Bible, we must do what it says.
 - A. Give an example of the difference between knowing the Bible and following it.

TRADITIONS

Mark 7:6-9

6He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

" 'These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

7They worship me in vain;

their teachings are but rules taught by men."^[b] 8You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

9And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe^[c] your own traditions!

- What is a religious tradition?
- How can a religious tradition nullify the word of God?
- Are you willing to believe God's word over anything that you may now currently believe?

QUALITY TIME IN THE WORD

2 Timothy 1:8

8So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, 9who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

11And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. 12That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day.

13What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. 14Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Matthew 13:18-23

18"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. 22The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. 23But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the

word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Acts 17:10-11

10As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. 11Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.

- Why is it important to read your Bible every day?
- If you don't read the Bible, where will your convictions come from ?
- Why is it so important to pray every day?
 - A. Offer to have a quiet time with them.

LIFE AND DOCTRINE

1 Timothy 4:16

16Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

- What is doctrine?
- What if you watched your life carefully, but not your doctrine?
- What if you watched your doctrine carefully, but not your life?
- Where do you find the right doctrine?

THERE WILL BE A JUDGE

John 12:47-50

47"As for the person who hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge him. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save it. 48There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; that very word which I spoke will condemn him at the last day. 49For I did not speak of my own accord, but the Father who sent me commanded me what to say and how to say it. 50I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say."

- According to this passage what will judge us on the Day of Judgment?
 - A. Where can you find the words of Jesus?
- What do people commonly think will judge us?
 1. Being a good person
 2. Doing more good than bad
 3. Being involved in a church
 4. Believing in Jesus
 5. Haven't done any of the really bad things
 6. Feeling very emotionally close to God and Jesus
 - a. How does it make you feel knowing that you will be judged by Jesus' words?

- i. What does it motivate you to do?

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Psalm 119:11

11 I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

- b. How do you hide God's word in your heart?

CHALLENGE:

1. Continue to read and pray daily.
2. Start to keep a spiritual journal containing scriptures that mean something to you.

Write down your thoughts and feelings about those scriptures.