

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP CURRICULUM

Hebrews 4:12-16

LEADER'S STUDY

God's word and the Holy Spirit:

God has clearly revealed Himself through scripture. When we seek God in His word, we not only learn about Him but He speaks to us. When God's people read and meditate on His word, something supernatural takes place. The Holy Spirit begins to transform lives. God is not interested in us simply knowing more about Him. He wants us to know Him, to walk with Him and to welcome His transforming work in our lives. Scripture is not just words on a page, it's alive, and it is the main tool of the Holy Spirit. As you read this week, do more than just read. Meditate. Think deeply about who God is and what his word is saying, then listen. What is God speaking to you? How are you going to obey? What has He done for you? What is He inviting you to?

Some helpful questions might be How is meditating different from reading? Why am I reading scripture? How is God revealing Himself and his character through this scripture? How is God changing my thinking? Be willing to share areas that He is calling you to "follow Him" and make clear "I" statements about how you are going to align with Him.

Some helpful scripture: Col 3:16, Eph 5:18, 2 Tim 3:16-17, 1 Peter 1
What other places in scripture speak this same truth?

How is God calling you to think and to live differently? How does this change your perspective today? How is God calling you to respond based on this scripture? Spend some time reading this whole chapter and meditating on it as you prepare for your meeting. Be willing to share this with your group and invite them to join you in sharing how God is asking them to respond to His word.

PREPARING BEFORE GROUP

PURPOSE: Life transformation through the Holy Spirit. He uses scripture and prayer to renew our minds and transform our lives!

PRAY: Pray for the people in your groups by name. Spend time asking the Holy Spirit to help you lead well as you meditate on key passages and seek to know God's heart.

PLAN: Hopefully your group got off to a great start. As you meet in the coming weeks, if you haven't before consider giving a couple people each week, a chance to share their story of how God found them with the group. Sharing our stories of faith and growth builds trust within your group. As a leader, let your group know this is OK by being the first to share your story. It can really break the ice when you are willing to be real and vulnerable.

Consider taking some time to break into small groups for prayer. This is a way for people to feel more comfortable sharing personal needs and praying specifically for one another.

Consider committing part of your prayer time to the lost in Hancock County and for opportunity and boldness to share the love of Christ with them. This is a good time to start talking about the gospel outreach event on May 16th with your group. Maybe even invite them to join you...

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INTENTIONAL BIBLE READING

READ Hebrews 4:12-16

Read in the ESV or similar word-for-word translation.

Read it again in the NLT to get a thought-for-thought perspective.

(With larger portions of scripture like this, it's good for multiple people to read it aloud. Especially online, this helps people get used to using their voice)

Try to summarize the passage in your own words.

STUDY QUESTIONS

What seems to be the main point of these verses?

What is significant, surprising or confusing from these verses?

How does this portion of scripture point to Jesus and the gospel?

What did you discover or learn about God and His character from this passage?

Consider the perspectives of all the parties involved in this passage. Ask yourself why they responded the way they did.

How does this scripture change your thinking?

Why did God bring me to this scripture today?

What parts of this passage are challenging to your current way of thinking?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

How are you going to obey this passage?

What is your "I will" statement?
(Encourage everyone to steer clear of "we" or "us" or "Christians" statements)

With whom are you going to share what you have learned?
(This is a critical part of growth that is often overlooked. If we can share it with someone else it means we really understand it, it cements it in our own minds, it makes us accountable to the truth and it blesses the one who hears the it. Rom 10:17)

Based on this passage, what can we pray about and how should we pray?