

The Power of Reading the Scriptures

Scripture Reference: John 5:37-40

Review from Pastor Steve Last Sunday

- Main text was 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Carrying a _____ Bible has benefits.
- Using an electronic Bible should be _____.
- Jesus is called the Word of God (John 1:1;14, John 14:6)
- When the Bible speaks, Jesus is speaking.
- The Holy Spirit is the _____.
- How to get started with reading the Bible.
- Prayed for a hunger for the Word at the end.

I. Reading the Bible

- When it comes to reading the Bible remember to plan _____ and read _____.
- Many of us have missed the _____ because we've only gone through the motions when reading the word of God.
- The Bible isn't merely a book, it's _____!
- "But I'm tired."
 - It's not that I'm tired, it's my lack of _____.
 - "The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak." Matthew 26:40-43
- "But I'm busy."
 - The sad thing about being full is losing your _____ to eat.
 - Sometimes your plate is too full that you don't have room for more.
 - You will stop eating and _____ for dessert if you really want it!...

II. Believing the Bible

- The life you live shows what you _____ the most.
 - Think for yourself: Do you have a high value for and strong belief in the Holy Scriptures?
- The #1 most sold book of all time is the _____.
 - Estimated _____ copies sold

- The 2nd most sold book is the Quran estimating over 800 million copies sold.
- Four main general proofs that support the Bible:
 - 1) _____ evidence
 - 2) _____ evidence
 - 3) _____ evidence
 - 4) _____ evidence
- Do you really believe that the word of God is _____ and active?
Hebrews 4:12

III. Doing What the Bible Says

- John 5:40, "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."
- It's one thing to know _____ God, it's another thing to _____ God.
 - And to _____ His commands.
- When you get saved but you don't work out your salvation with fear and trembling, you've _____ that you're in Christ.
- Some of us are _____ the word, many of us _____ it.
Very few of us _____ it.
- In 2009 The Center of Bible Engagement compiled extensive research findings by Arnold Cole, Ed.D. & Pamela Caudill Ovwigho, Ph.D. into a document titled "Understanding the Bible Engagement Challenge: Scientific Evidence for the Power of 4."
 - Feeling lonely drops _____
 - Anger issues drop _____
 - Bitterness in relationships drops _____
 - Alcoholism drops _____
 - Sex outside of marriage drops _____
 - Feeling spiritually stagnant drops _____
 - Viewing pornography drops _____
 - Sharing your faith jumps _____
 - Discipling others jumps _____
- "If you give an hour to God each day, you will be _____ successful."
– Steve Pearson

