

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Ice Breaker: What is your current cellphone wallpaper? Why did you choose this image?

1. In the opening of his message, Pastor Tom asked us "...how can we make sure that in this seemingly endless ocean of words that we are focused on the most important words ever spoken/written?" What was your initial response to this question?
2. "The most powerful and consequential words ever spoken/written are found in the Bible." How is this statement easy or hard for you to accept?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-16 and 2 Peter 1:19-21. According to these passages, what was Holy Spirit's role in the writing of the Bible?
4. Pastor Tom asked why the inspiration of the Bible by the Holy Spirit is important. Take a few minutes to consider what impact the Bible would have if it was NOT inspired by the Holy Spirit, was fallible and non-authoritative. What are the implications?
5. Read John 17:17, 1 Corinthians 2:9-14 and John 16:13-15? . How is/has your life (been) "handicapped" and even "destroyed" as a Christ-follower when you haven't understood that God's Word is truth?
6. Pastor Tom said the Holy Spirit's illumination is critical because the Bible is a "living document" and a "source of transformation". Read Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Isaiah 55:10-11. How have you experienced these truths in your life?
7. Have you made the commitment to read the Bible at least 5 minutes daily? Why or why not? Share with one another what has worked well for you to make this a priority. Consider doing the same reading plan together as a group.

PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY ONE: Acts 11

DAY TWO: Acts 12

DAY THREE: Acts 13

DAY FOUR: Acts 14

DAY FIVE: Acts 15

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NEW DAY
NEW SEASON

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A DIFFERENT LIFE



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"MORE THAN JUST WORDS"
JANUARY 19TH 2020



“More Than Just Words”

[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

...how can we make sure that in this seemingly endless _____ of words that we are focused on the most important words ever spoken/written?

The most powerful and _____ words ever spoken/written are found in the Bible.

So what is it that makes this book _____ any other book in human history?

It's the result of one of the most important _____ of the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit:

1. _____ the Scriptures

Note II Timothy 3:14-16

God-breathed = God was _____ involved in the writing of Scripture to the point that what was written is the infallible and authoritative Word of God.

Note II Peter 1:19-21

The Holy Spirit used people, their personalities, writing styles, educational levels and life experiences to _____ convey and record eternal truth.

II Peter 1:21 = _____ *along*

The writers of Scripture *raised their* _____...

Why is the _____ of the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit so important?

Because it assures us that the Bible is:

- A. _____
- B. _____ - without a submission to the authority of Scripture, the Christian life...will be _____ at best, and probably destroyed (note John 17:17).

2. _____ the Scriptures

The Holy Spirit enables us and _____ us to understand what the Scriptures say (note I Corinthians 2:9-14).

Jesus Himself clearly stated that this is a _____ ministry of the Holy Spirit (note John 16:13-15).

Because of the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures can relate to people of every race, culture, nationality, language, and _____.

The _____ of the Holy Spirit is so critical because it makes the Scriptures:

- A. A _____ document (note Hebrews 4:12) - it's not bound by time, culture, or _____
- B. A source of _____ (note II Timothy 3:16-17)
- are we giving the Holy Spirit something to _____?
Note Isaiah 55:10-11; God has promised to bless His Words/truth, and when we embrace the Scriptures as a _____, the Holy Spirit has freedom to work powerfully.

Because of the Holy Spirit our life can be different:

- So _____ are the Scriptures to us?
- In a culture where an ocean of words _____ our daily lives, let's start this new year/decade with a new or renewed commitment to making God's words a daily priority in our lives.
- Make a commitment to read the Scriptures at least _____ minutes daily (there are Bible reading plans available in print in the foyer and on our website: **myrc.link/Bible**)

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the connect card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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2 Peter 1:21 = carried along

The writers of Scripture *raised their sails...*

Why is the inspiration of the Scriptures by the Holy Spirit so important?
Because it assures us that the Bible is:

- A. Infallible
- B. Authoritative - without a submission to the authority of Scripture, the Christian life...will be handicapped at best, and probably destroyed (note John 17:17).

2. Illuminates the Scriptures

The Holy Spirit enables us and enlightens us to understand what the Scriptures say (note 1 Corinthians 2:9-14).

Jesus Himself clearly stated that this is a major ministry of the Holy Spirit (note John 16:13-15).

Because of the Holy Spirit, the Scriptures can relate to people of every race, culture, nationality, language, and era.

The illumination of the Holy Spirit is so critical because it makes the Scriptures:

- A. A living document (note Hebrews 4:12) – it's not bound by time, culture, or technology.
- B. A source of transformation (note 2 Timothy 3:16-17) – are we giving the Holy Spirit something to work with? Note Isaiah 55:10-11; God has promised to bless His Words/truth, and when we embrace the Scriptures as a priority, the Holy Spirit has freedom to work powerfully.

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