

Message Series: The Holy Bible

Message Title: Back to Basics

Key Scripture:

2 Timothy 10–3:16 TPT

Other scriptures:

Isaiah 55:11 NIV

Proverbs 22:6 NLT

Luke 10:26 NIV

Theme:

The theme is The Holy Bible and in this message I explore how to read the bible and essentially go back to basics. I want to encourage people that they need to know the word for themselves – that it would be a personal revelation from Jesus deposited within them whilst reading His book.

Message Summary

We explore a few thoughts within this talk around what does the bible say, what does it mean for me and my life, and how to read it. I encourage people by going back to the beginning that we are a part of God's great story and get to participate in doing his work.

But to have that initial revelation we have to know Jesus for ourselves. That we can't base our faith and relationship with Jesus off the back of someone else's encounter with the living God. Jesus wants to speak directly to us so we have to pick up the word for ourselves.

We then have to put reading the bible into action. I encourage the church that they need to find the ways and method that suits them best. But to give a basic understanding of how to read scripture and apply it is by using the SOAP method. Scripture, observation, application and prayer.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

- You can share experience of how you read the bible and what works for different individuals. Alongside that, you can also collectively gather to read the word together. Reading the bible as a group really helps you understand in a greater way as individuals bring different revelations and thoughts from what everyone is reading.

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

- The SOAP method takes you on a journey. What I would encourage would be to journal additionally so you can see yourself grow and focus on the changes that are happening in your life and see where God has been working.

Ministry – Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities

The more we read the word and apply it, the more we look like Jesus! So I believe when we do that it will overflow into the outpouring of our gifts and abilities.

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers

When we know the word deeper, we will be able to share the good news with other much more easily. From both the curiosity of questions to the challenging ones, if we know the word and its given us wisdom and understanding- then that will translate when we're speaking to others.

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

I believe when we know the word we will then be obedient to it. So when it comes to worship and surrender, we will be making the righteous choices for our lives so that it points to the life of Jesus.