

Adult Discipleship
Spiritual Disciplines
Week 2: The Primacy of Scripture for Spiritual Growth

Historical Figure Spotlight:

Martin Luther –

William Wilberforce –

The Primacy of Scripture for Spiritual Growth

Definition: “Practices found in Scripture that promote spiritual growth among believers in the gospel of Jesus Christ.” (Whitney, 4)

The Gospel: Our standing with God, in Jesus Christ, by grace through faith is not defined by how goodly we practice the spiritual disciplines.

Reasons to Study Scripture:

Importance of Scripture in _____:

1. Reveals the _____
 - A. Romans 10:17
 - B. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
 - C. 1 Peter 1:23-25
 - D. 2 Timothy 3:14-15
2. Reveals the _____ of Salvation
 - A. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 - B. John 6:68-69
 - C. John 17:17

Importance of _____ to the _____:

1. _____ God’s Word
 - A. Genesis 3:1-7
 - B. Luke 4:1-12
2. Take _____ away
 - A. Matthew 13:18-23
 - B. 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 4:3-4

Importance of Scripture for All Christians

- I. _____ Relating to the Word
 1. _____ in the Word
 - A. Psalm 119:97, 103
 - B. 2 Timothy 4:13
 2. _____ Against _____
 - A. Psalm 119:11
 - B. Ephesians 6:10-20

- C. Luke 4:1-12
- 3. For _____
 - A. Matthew 19:4
 - B. Ezra 7:10

What are ways we can personally get more of God's Word into our lives?

What are ways to maximize the reception of God's Word in our personal lives?

- II. Family Life/Small Group
 - 1. _____ Everyone
 - A. Ephesians 6:4
 - B. Proverbs 1:8
 - 2. Take every _____
 - A. Deuteronomy 6:4-9
 - B. Proverbs 22:17-21
 - C. Proverbs 24:30-34
 - 3. Make the _____ the Focus
 - A. Acts 17:10-15

What are ways we can get more of God's Word into our families and small groups?

What are ways to maximize the reception of God's Word in our families/small groups?

- III. _____ Life
 - 1. _____ the Word
 - A. Luke 11:28
 - B. 2 Timothy 4:1-2
 - C. 1 Corinthians 1:23
 - 2. _____ the Word
 - A. 1 Timothy 4:13
 - B. Nehemiah 8:3
 - 3. _____ the Word
 - A. 1 Thessalonians 2:13
 - B. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

What are ways we can get more of God's Word into our corporate gathering?

What are ways to maximize the reception of God's Word while gathered as the church?

Gospel-Centered Resources

Ed. Christopher W. Morgan: *Biblical Spirituality*

R. C. Sproul: *Knowing Scripture*

Sinclair B. Ferguson: *From the Mouth of God*

Timothy Ward: *Words of Life*

Peter Adam: *Hearing God's Words*

B. B. Warfield: *The Inspiration and Authority of the Bible*

James W. Sire: *How to Read Slowly*

Next Week: Meditation and Memorization