

Lesson on Scripture

Guide

Basically anyone could tell you that the Bible is the primary text of the Christian faith. But what does the Bible say about Scripture, and how it can impact our lives? This lesson focuses on the importance of Scripture in the Christian life.

These are the full set of notes for you, the discipler, and the student should use the "handout" version of the notes.

Introduction:

Scripture is the inspired word of God. It teaches us who God is: His character, His attributes, and His story (or his-tory). Reading the Bible is one way that we can allow God to speak to us. Can you imagine having a best friend that you never talk to? The same goes for our relationship with God. If we never read the bible nor talked with Him, we would have a hard time growing in our relationship with Him. The Bible is God's Word to man. It reveals the plan of God for all of mankind. It reveals the nature of God, guidelines for the Christian to follow in order to live and act as he should. It is God's word to *us*. It is the most valuable object we have on this earth. We are to love it, learn it, and then live by it.

Study:

I. The Bible is God breathed.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16.

1. In what ways can we use scripture based on this verse?
2. The Bible is God-breathed, so what impact does other scripture have on our lives?

II. The Bible is our food.

Read 1 Peter 2:2.

1. How would you feel if you had not eaten anything for three days?
 - a. You would feel like passing out! With spiritual nourishment, the principle is the same. When you go three days without reading the Bible and spending time with Jesus, you are spiritually starving. But when you spend time with Jesus daily, you will be satisfied spiritually.
2. If the Bible is our food, how often should you spend time reading it?
 - a. A Christian needs to feed from the Bible every day, just like our physical food. Comparing a new believer to a baby, a baby doesn't eat just 3 times a day, but multiple times throughout the day! How important is it for us to ground ourselves in God's word, especially when we are young in our faith.
 - b. Before going to sleep each night, ask yourself, "Did I learn something new about Jesus today? What promise did Jesus reveal to me today? How have I become more like Jesus today?"

III. The Bible is our light.

The Bible is called a light, because it guides our daily walk with God. It tells us what to do and how to live. David said in Psalm 119:105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." The Bible will be our guide through this life.

1. How has the Bible guided you on your walk so far?

Additional Questions:

- Do you think that God wants you to read your Bible everyday? Why or why not?
- What are ways to study the Bible?
 - read it, meditate on it, hear it, study it, memorize it
 - PROAPT resource
- What are some goals you can set to seek God through the Word this week?

Conclusion:

God puts great emphasis on His Word. In fact, the longest chapter in the whole Bible (Psalm 119), speaks entirely about the Bible and its place in our life. God wants to talk with us and teach us. He cannot do this unless we read His Word.

For further study: 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119:9-16; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12.

Other helpful resources: PROAPT, Manuscript Bible Study Method, The Sensuous Christian.