

Message Notes

James 1:18-25

Word of God

What is going to be the basis for how I live my life?

- The world
- The Word

 Gratefully receive that truth that saves me

▪V.18

- New Birth through the Word of truth

 Humbly accept the truth that confronts me

▪ V.19-20

- Anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires

▪ V.21

- humbly accept the Word planted in you

 intently embrace the truth that guides me

▪V.22

- Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

 Don't just listens to it, live it!

▪V. 23-24

- ...Forgets what they look like

▪V.25

- ...doing it, they will be blessed in what they do

   S.O.A.P   

S – Scripture

Write down the Bible passage you'll be studying. This can be one verse or several.

Writing helps me focus on each word individually and on the passage as a whole. It also helps me soak it in and meditate on it.

O – Observations

They become like trees planted by streams of water that produce life in every season!
(Psalms 1:3)

Examine the text and write down what you notice.

- What jumps out to you in the passage?
- Who is it written by? Who is it written to?
- What's one thing you didn't notice before?
- What seems interesting or unusual?
- What comes before and after the text?
- Is there repetition, comparison, or contrast?

These observations may start with the obvious (i.e., Jesus spent time with his disciples), but will gradually become deeper.

A – Applications

Apply God's Word to your life in a practical way. This is the part where you personalize your study of Scripture. As you read over the text, how does it apply to you? Is there a specific action you need to take or a confession you need to make?

If it's an action, try to make it SMART: specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time-bound.

P – Prayer

Respond to God's Word with your own words. Accumulating head knowledge about God is of little use; it's heart transformation He's after, and that's only possible through the work of the Holy Spirit.

◆◆◆ Questions ◆◆◆

1. What is the basis for how you live your life, the world or the Word?
2. Has reading, meditating on or studying God's Word been something you prioritize? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever been confronted by the truth in God's Word? If so, what were the verses & why did you feel confronted?
4. Are there any particular verses you struggle to act on? What are they? Why do you struggle doing what they say?

5. Have you used the SOAP method or a different Bible study method?

▪I encourage you to read through James 1:18-25 together before doing any questions. Allow the Word to drive your conversation.

⏴ Announcements ⏴

▪Ask if anyone has questions about baptism. They can sign up through the app.

▪Remind your group about the Fostering Hope gift card drive happening throughout October