

Small Group Guide: IGNITING YOUR SPIRITUAL GROWTH - Forming Godly Values And Priorities

Opening Question If you could instantly become an expert at one skill just by reading one book, what skill would you choose?

Opening Prayer *God, thank You for bringing us together. As we talk about Your Word and how it shapes our lives, help us be open, honest, and encouraged. Give us wisdom, help us understand what You want to teach us. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Key Takeaways from the Sermon

The Bible is meant to be read and applied, not just owned. Pastor Dan reminded us that many people have access to Scripture, but the real question is whether we are regularly opening it and letting it shape us.

God's Word helps us avoid unnecessary regret. Many struggles and painful consequences can be avoided when we allow Scripture to guide our choices, attitudes, relationships, finances, and priorities.

Meditating on Scripture shapes our thinking. Psalm 119 shows that God's Word gives wisdom, insight, understanding, and direction as we think about it throughout the day.

Knowing Scripture is not enough; obedience matters. The goal is not just more information but transformation. God's Word changes us as we put it into practice.

God's Word illuminates our path. Like a lamp in the darkness, Scripture helps us see where to step, what to avoid, and how to walk wisely through life.

The Bible is still relevant today. Even though it is ancient, it speaks to real-life issues because it comes from the God who created us and understands us.

Discussion Questions

1. **Read Psalm 119:97.** The psalmist says, “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long.” What do you think it means to “meditate” on God’s Word in everyday life?
2. **Read Psalm 119:98-100.** The psalmist says God’s commands give wisdom, insight, and understanding. How can Scripture help someone see situations more clearly than they otherwise would?
3. **Pastor Dan said, “What has your mind has you.”** What are some common things people tend to dwell on during the day, and how can those thoughts affect decisions, attitudes, or relationships?
4. **Read Psalm 119:100.** The psalmist connects understanding with obedience: “For I obey your precepts.” Why is obedience such an important part of spiritual growth?
5. **Pastor Dan mentioned that we often want to know “why” before obeying God, but many times understanding comes afterward.** Why can it be difficult to obey before we fully understand?
6. **Read Psalm 119:105.** “Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” What does this image teach us about how God guides us? Why might God give us just enough light for the next step instead of the whole journey?
7. **Pastor Dan talked about the Bible shaping our values and priorities.** What are some areas where Scripture often challenges the values of the world around us?
8. What is one realistic rhythm or habit that could help people spend more consistent time in God’s Word without feeling overwhelmed?

Practical Applications (Choose one or two.)

1. **Start with a simple Bible reading habit.** Choose a realistic amount of time—5, 10, or 15 minutes a day—and commit to reading Scripture this week.
2. **Pick one verse to meditate on daily.** Write it down, put it on your phone, or place it somewhere visible. Return to it throughout the day.
3. **Ask one application question after reading.** After you read, ask: “What is one thing God may be asking me to believe, change, or obey?”
4. **Use a reading plan.** Try a plan through the church website, YouVersion, or another Bible app to help provide structure and consistency.
5. **Share one insight with someone else.** Tell a friend, spouse, family member, or Community Group member one thing God showed you through His Word this week.

Memory Verse for This Week

Psalm 119:105

“Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.”

Closing Prayer *God, thank You for giving us Your Word to guide us, correct us, encourage us, and shape us. Help us not just hear about the importance of Scripture, but actually spend time in it and obey what You show us. Give us wisdom for the decisions we face and help us walk in the light You provide. In Jesus’ name, amen.*