

Standing Firm on the Word of God

1 Peter 1:22-2:3

Main Point: When we encounter God through HIS Word we can't help but be changed; we love other believers and we grow in our Christian faith.

Getting to know you

1. Go around the circle and share how you go about reading the Bible. Share the specifics. When do you read? Where do you read? How do you take what you read from the Bible and apply it to your life?

Leader say, "We have been studying the book of 1 Peter and we have learned that we can be confident that our salvation is secure. We have been challenged to personal holiness. Now we move to a practical tool that God has given us to grow in holiness: His Word.

Getting into the Book:

Read 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

2. What are some observations that group members make from this text (Observation=What do I see?)
3. According to this passage what are some of the fruits of a life that has been changed by the Gospel?
4. Begin to interpret (Interpretation=What does it mean?) this passage by asking: "How does 1 Peter 1:22 connect to the previous verses in chapter 1?"
5. What does Peter mean by "Word of God" in verse 23? What similarities or differences are there between verse 23 and 2:3? (Isaiah 40:6-8, Romans 10:17)
6. Why is it significant that the "seed" is imperishable? How does this connect to previous week's sermons (1 Peter 1:1-9)?
7. Interpret verses 2:1-2. How are they opposites? Can someone hold on to the list of verse one and still long for the Word? (Galatians 5:16-26 , Colossians 3:1-17)

Getting out there (Application=How does it work?)

8. What are the dangers of stopping Bible study at observation and interpretation?
9. How do previous experiences with the Gospel affect your faith?
10. How will a lively walk with God impact how you relate to other believers?
11. How does knowing that someone is saved by the "Word" affect how you view evangelism?