

The Transformed Mind: Come, Listen, Follow...

Sunday February 9, 2020

He Is, We Are (Jn. 10:10; Mat. 16:24)

What kind of life has Jesus come to give us (see Jn. 10:10)? How do we "get" this life?

"Discipleship is the process of becoming who Jesus would be if He were you." ~ Dallas Willard

Why does Jesus want us to "give up our own way... and follow Him"?

Thinking More Like Jesus (Rom. 12:2; 2 Tim. 3:15-17)

What influences from worldly philosophies that are particularly strong for you personally? Why?

What is the "two-part" instruction from Romans 12:2? Why are both parts important/essential?

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- 2)

Why is it important for a disciple of Jesus to become a serious student of the Word of God?

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." ~ A.W. Tozer

What "benefits" does Paul write about Scripture in 2 Timothy 3:15-17?

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What do we risk if we ignore or minimize Scripture in our Christian lives?

Biblical Illiteracy (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

LifeWay Research in a 2019 study called, the "Discipleship Pathway Assessment" found:

- 40% of Protestant Evangelicals read their Bible once a week or less.
- Only 32% read their Bible daily.
- 32% don't find themselves thinking about Biblical truths throughout the day.
- Even worse, 42% don't seem to miss their time with God.

If Scripture doesn't guide our lives, what danger could we find ourselves in (see 2 Tim. 4:3-4)?

How Do YOU Read the Bible? (Jas. 1:22-25)

HOW we read and study the Bible is incredibly important. What does James 1:22-25 say can happen if we read it improperly?

Motives matter when approaching Bible reading/study. Summarize the following motives for reading the Bible. Circle the one that best describes your approach to Bible reading:

Obligation -

Inspiration -

Information -

Transformation -

What does James 2:22-25 give as the key for transformational Bible reading/study?

Come, Listen, Follow... (Lk. 6:46-49; Heb. 4:12)

What does Jesus promise to those who put His teaching into practice (see Luke 6:46-49)?

Transformational Bible Reading/Study:

- Invites Jesus into the process allowing Him to guide us to the parts of a passage to pay specific attention to.
- Exposes our lives to the text, so that we become aware of how the Jesus wants to shape us.
- Calls for action - guides us to change or respond to the things that the Spirit has shown us through it.

What are some very personal things that Jesus has taught you through His Word recently?

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires." ~ Hebrews 4:12

Jesus invites us into a transformational encounter with Him, every time that we open His Word. He wants to speak to us, direct our lives, give us wisdom, bring encouragement, comfort and peace, correct misunderstandings and change our thoughts and our desires.

Check out the attached R.E.A.P Bible Study Method that can help you navigate Bible personal transformational Bible Study & Reading.