BIBLE STUDY

VIDEO TEACHING NOTES

Key Question: How do I _____ God's Word?

Key Idea: I study the Bible to _____ God and his _____ and to find _____ for my daily life.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them _____." (Matthew 13:9)

Key Verse: ""For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and _____ of the heart."(Hebrews 4:12)

The Bible can go dee if the _____ is willing to receive it.

(Key Application) Keep your heart soft and _____ to God's Word.

(Key Application) Understand the one _____ of the Bible

(Key Application) Study God's Word in_____.

(Key Application) _____ God's Word.

GROUP DISCUSSION

As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statements are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging and why?

- I read the Bible daily.
- I regularly study the Bible to find direction for my life.
- I seek to be obedient to God by applying the truth of the Bible to my life.
- I have a good understanding of the contents of the Bible.

Choose 2-3 questions that will lead to best discussion about the Key Idea

1. As a group, make a list of reasons or motivations someone could possess for studying the Bible. Discuss which reasons are most compelling.
2. What obstacles usually hinder a person from practicing consistent Bible study? Discuss ways to overcome these challenges.
3. In what ways has the Bible proven a trustworthy map for navigating decisions in your life?
4. Many tools, devotionals, commentaries, reading plans, etc.- can help people get the most out of their Bible reading. As a group, discuss some of the tools that you have found helpful.

Read Psalm 119:9-24 and choose 1-2 questions to discuss.

1. What are some practical ways to "hide God's word in your heart"?
2. In what ways has God's Word been a "lamp for your feet and a light on your path"?
3. The psalmist declares that he loves God's laws and precepts. Why do you think he feels this way?

OTHER PASSAGES

Deut. 6:1-25; 31:9-13	Joshua 1:1-9	Neh. 7:73-9:3	Psalm 19:7-14
Psalm 119:9-24, 33-40, 97-112		Matthew 13:1-23	John 14:15-27
1 Corinthians 2:1-16	1 Timothy 4:1-16	2 Timothy 2:14-16	Hebrews 5:11-63

CLOSING PRAYER

PERSONAL QUESTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK

Read Believe, Chapter 14: Single-Mindedness and/or read the following passages:

Exodus 20:2-3	Deut. 6:1-9; 29:16-30:20	Matthew 6:19-33; 14:22-36
Philippians 3:1-14	2 Chronicles 20:1-30	2 John 8:12-30
Acts 5:12-42	Romans 12:1-2	Colossians 3:1-4, 15-17

Answer the following questions.

1. As you read the passage from Deuteronomy 6, look for what God promised to the Israelites if they obeyed the first commandment and kept their covenant with him.
2. What kind of "treasure" keeps us from being single-minded? How can "unhealthy eyes" keep us from being single-minded? Why isn't it possible to serve two masters?
3. In the passage from 2 Chronicles 20, identify the key beliefs in which Jehoshaphat anchors his prayer. How can these key beliefs instill confidence and guide our decisions?
4. Can you list some of the things that distract you from putting God first in your life? What can you do to become more focused on God?
5. Paul writes, "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." What does this admonishment mean to you? Does it change how you prioritize things in your life?

Key Verse: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."(Matthew 6:33)

Key Idea: I focus on God and his priorities for my life.

Personal Application

1. How would this practice express itself in your life?
2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who practices single-mindedness?
3. What is impeding your ability to live single-mindedly? How can you overcome this obstacle?
4. What action step can you take this week to increase your awareness of God's involvement in your daily life?