

10/1/17 | I Love My Church: God's Word



"For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

—2 Peter 1:21, NIV

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever witnessed/experienced a miracle? What was that like?
2. In that moment, how confident were you that God could do all things? How confident are you now that God can do all things? Does this confidence extend to the preservation and empowerment of His Word?
3. Consider this quote. Have you ever considered the Bible to be powerful as dynamite? Have you ever considered it to be the most valuable thing on this planet?

"You Christians look after a document containing enough dynamite to blow all civilization to pieces, turn the world upside down and bring peace to a battle-torn planet. But you treat it as though it is nothing more than a piece of literature."
—Mahatma Gandhi

Promise

4. Read Psalm 19. Do you share David's sentiments? What are your feelings about God's Word?
5. What does Proverbs 30:5-6 say about God's Word? What does Isaiah 40:8 say about God's Word?
6. How valuable is God's Word? Is this something that God would let become contaminated or mistranslated?

7. Read Matthew 6:26, 28-29. Is God's Word worth more than sparrows? Is God's Word worth more than lilies?

More than a Book

8. Consider this quote. What is a passage that Christians tend to deliberately misunderstand or misuse?

"The Bible is very easy to understand. But we Christians are a bunch of scheming swindlers. We pretend to be unable to understand it because we know very well that the minute we understand, we are obliged to act accordingly."

—Søren Kierkegaard

9. What does Deuteronomy 6:6-9 teach us to do with God's Word? What does 2 Timothy 3:14-17 teach us to do with God's Word? How can you make God's Word more central in your life today?

10. Read John 1:1-5. Who is this talking about? How is He the Word?

Bible commentary: The Word [Gr. *logos*] means "that which is spoken, a statement, a speech." In the Jewish translation of the OT into Aramaic, this term was used for God. It was also used in Greek intellectual circles to denote the controlling reason of the universe.... Thus, this Gospel begins with the thought that Jesus, the Word, the unique manifestation of God, was already continuously in existence when the material universe was created."

11. Why did John call Jesus the Word? What does Jesus have to do with Scripture being God's Word?

12. If we trust and follow Jesus, how is that related to trusting and following the Bible?

TAKEAWAY: Test it... Read 1 chapter of James each day this week. Pick one verse to live by each day.