



Note to Leaders: Every Link is Different. Don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group

## SERMON SYNOPSIS

Throughout our lives, God is working to grow our faith. And you've met people with that kind of faith. They just trust God in good times, and in bad times. They give him credit for the good, and they trust him in the bad. They just have this uncanny, almost sometimes irritating confidence and faith in God's presence in their lives. That's because they've worked with God to allow God to grow their faith, and that's what God wants to do in all of us.

One of the primary ways God grows our faith is through us being grounded in the bible, and in prayer. which forms our our daily practices of engaging with Him (daily devotional). Just like any relationship, our relationship with God and indeed our faith grows as we spend meaningful time with Him in a personal way.

We believe the bible is God-breathed and the Holy Spirit is crucial in illuminating the scripture and leading us into revelation about Jesus. Our daily practices of engaging with God cannot be undertaken without the help of the Holy Spirit if they are to be meaningful to us. In this discussion, we will explore the relationship between our daily practices of getting grounded in the word, in prayer, worship etc and how this impacts our faith.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Psalm 1:1-3— What does the Psalm say about being grounded in the Word of God? What are the results of being planted in the Word?
2. What does "meditating" on the Word of God mean to you? How can that impact your faith? Have you come across any tools to help you meditate on scripture? e.g. SOAP etc
3. What are the ways you connect with God on a daily basis? Has this changed over time? How good are you at being consistent with your daily practices? What has helped you to stay consistent?
4. Read John 4:24. In what way do you think we can incorporate "truth" and "spirit" into our daily practices of getting grounded? How important do you think the Holy Spirit is in helping us understand scripture and leading us into revelation? Do you consciously ask Him to help you as you read the bible? If not, why not?
5. How do you think we can handle being lead by the Holy Spirit and being sensitive to the unchurched people in our midst in accordance with the vision of our church?
6. What is your biggest take away from this conversation or this Sunday's message?
7. How will this change your actions in the future? Is there anything practical that you can put in place to make sure you apply the truth that you've discovered?

## MOVING FORWARD

How will you make sure you are intentional in getting grounded in the word, in prayer, worship etc?

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (NLT)