

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

February 10, 2019 sermon:

***Hebrews: Jesus is Greater "The truth will set you free"***

**Warm up:** (15-20 minutes)

Questions for discussion:

- 1.) Have you ever had a conversation with someone about the Bible where you felt bad because they had questions or objections that you didn't have a satisfactory to? What was their perspective? Their toughest question or objection?
- 2.) Open up the floor to your group and everyone (who is willing) share 3 or 4 words you would use to describe the Bible. NOT theological or fancy words that describe what the Bible COULD or SHOULD mean to you...even words like "confusing" are okay.

**Digging deeper:** (20-30 minutes)

1. God's word can be powerful in our lives! Yet the ultimate goal of studying and knowing the Bible is not simply to fill our minds with biblical information; it's to change the way we think about God and the way we live. How do the following verses speak to this insight?

-Philippians 1:9-11

-Colossians 1:9-14

2. Most of us have experienced the challenge of understanding the Bible and applying it to our lives. Psalm 119 (the longest chapter in the Bible) gives us an inside look at how the writer is working hard to keep Scripture active in his life and how he's staying connected with God in the midst of "crazy" circumstances. As you read through the various sections of this Psalm, what attitudes and actions do you see the author doing to keep God's word alive in his life?

-Psalm 119:1-8

-Psalm 119:9-16

-Psalm 119:65-72

**Application:** (5-10 minutes) We are incredibly fortunate that the Bible is so accessible to us. We are also fortunate there are a variety of ways to get God's word into our lives, given that we all learn and understand things differently. As you look at the list below, circle any of the following ways that help you understand the Bible better:

-Listening to it being taught/sermons

-Reading it yourself

-Listening to Bible audio apps/recordings

-Discussing it with others

-Memorizing it

-Journaling/note taking

-Other (what?)

How might trying a different way of learning be important? Pray for each other, that a passion for God's word will grow in your lives.