

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Our Mission: To win, build and send Department of Defense leaders to live for Jesus Christ

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Knowing God's Will

#2 – KNOWING HIM THROUGH SCRIPTURE

INTRODUCTION:

If you had a choice, when reading scripture, would you rather know about God or to know Him?
John 1:1-2

OBSERVATION/INTERPRETATION:

*Note: **BIBLE** – **B**asic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth. Reading the Bible is not just to gain knowledge, but to get to know the author and to understand the relationship the Bible points to. John 5:39-40 Reading scripture helps us “hear” from God (if we are willing to listen). It can lead us to an encounter (decision). The goal then is to respond to Him in obedience as He speaks to us.*

Read Psalm 19:2-3; 7-10

Note: Although nature shows the wonder of the Creator, it does not give us details that God wants a relationship with us and our expected response. The Bible gives us those details.

1. How does the psalmist describe God's instruction? Vs 7 **2 Tim 3:16-17**
2. What happens when we obey His commands? Vs 8 **2 Cor 3:18**
3. What does it mean to “fear” the Lord? Vs 9 **Ps 111:10; Pr 1:7**
4. How do you express “trust” in God's Word?

Read Psalm 19:11-12

Note: We often focus on sins of “commission” (what we did) but are still guilty of sins of “omission” (what we didn't do). When we ask sincerely, God can help us recognize both types of sins, often through reading scripture.

5. What do you think or pray about before you start reading scripture? **Jer 29:13; 1 Cor 10:13; Isa 6:5; Luke 5:8; 1 Jn 1:9**
6. How has scripture helped you recognize your sin? What are the benefits of dealing with it?
7. How does not dealing with your own sin affect your ability to comprehend scripture?

Read Psalm 19:13-14

Note: Three names of God (vs. 14) - Lord is another word for Yahweh. Rock is like a boulder or mountain. Redeemer refers to a purchaser (and therefore owner).

8. Are our thoughts generally more evil and uncontrolled than our actions?
9. How can scripture change our thoughts so that we naturally do what is right (God's will)?
Heb 4:12; Matt 15:11-18
10. Is God more pleased with our *understanding* of His will or the *action/obedience* to His will?

APPLICATION:

- How can you make reading scripture a regular habit?
- How can you depend on God (exercise faith) to be obedient to His will revealed through His Word?