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Series: Let's Talk About It

Message Title: How to Read My Bible

Key Text: Romans 10:17

Discussion Guide

Main Idea

This week, we started our *Let's Talk About It* series by answering one of the most requested questions from our Easter survey: how to read the Bible. Pastor Mark Pettus explored three foundational questions: what the Bible is, why we should read it, and how to read it effectively. The Bible is not just a collection of writings, but the inspired, inerrant, and infallible Word of God, written across generations yet completely unified in its message. Because it is God-breathed (2 Timothy 3:16–17), it equips us for every good work and transforms our lives from the inside out.

We also learned that reading the Bible doesn't have to be complicated. Using the simple S.O.A.P. method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer), we can approach God's Word with clarity and purpose. When we slow down, examine Scripture, and invite the Holy Spirit to speak, the Bible becomes more than information, it brings transformation to our lives. As we seek God first (Matthew 6:33), His Word begins to reorder our lives, bringing direction, hope, and growth.

Make It Practical

1. What stood out to you most from this message about reading the Bible?
2. What is one specific time and place you can commit to reading your Bible this week, and how will you protect that time?
3. How could slowing down and really observing Scripture change your time with God?

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“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

Talk About It

1. What has your experience with reading the Bible been like up to this point: easy, confusing, inconsistent, or something else?
2. Which of the barriers mentioned (not understanding it, not knowing where to start, feeling like it's boring) do you relate to most right now?
3. Have you ever read the Bible in a way that actually changed you, not just informed you? What was different about that?
4. Which part of S.P.E.C.K. comes most naturally to you when you read Scripture, and which one do you tend to avoid?

Prayer

God, thank You for giving us Your Word and for speaking to us through it. Thank You that the Bible is not just something to read, but something that transforms our lives. Help us to develop a hunger for Your Word and a desire to spend time with You daily. Teach us how to slow down, understand, and apply what we read. Holy Spirit, guide us as we open Scripture, and help us to hear Your voice clearly. Give us the discipline to stay consistent and the faith to live out what You show us. As we seek You first, reorder our lives according to Your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.