



Basic Lesson 8 – His Word, Our World

Basic Principle - The Word of God is described as a double-edged sword. It can be wielded with the intent of fighting injustice and evil in the world, but unlike a weapon of war it heals that which it tears apart. (Hebrews 4:12). Christ followers ought to learn how to use scripture to pray for their world.

In this lesson we will bring together all we have learned and demonstrate how this is a powerful tool to take into your daily life.

- In the Putting It Into Practice section you will review all of the scriptures previously meditated on in this series, but do so with the intention of seeding your prayers for the world at large.

Thinking Things Through

1. What is happening in your life, right now, that concerns you?

2. What is happening in the world, right now, that concerns you?

Digging Deeper

3. Distribute the various scriptures that make up the "Putting it Into Practice" section (below). Each person should take 10-15 minutes reviewing the passages and listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

4. What other passages of scripture can you think of which may be beneficial for praying for the issue of life and the world? You are encouraged to use them as well in this activity.

5. After reflecting on the scriptures, what did the Holy Spirit impress upon you to bring back to him in prayer?

Doing Life Together

6. After 10-15 minutes of reflection move into a time of prayer, allowing the words of His Word shape the words of your prayers as you zero in on the issues you discussed.

***** PRAY OUT WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS GUIDED YOU TO SAY THROUGH EXAMINING THE SCRIPTURES AND THE NEWS *****

After spending time praying discuss:

- How were your prayers changed by this activity?
- How are you challenged to approach God's word differently as a result?
- What other scriptures can you think of, that might help shape how you pray?
- Where to go from here (advice for group members)
 - Read scripture with the idea that it will shape your prayers.
 - Observe world events while train your mind to respond in prayer to events around you.
 - Search the scriptures for things you can turn into prayers for others and the world
 - Expect God to impress upon you the things that are on his heart, and in turn shape your thoughts into prayer
 - Expect God to answer

Putting It Into Practice

In order to conserve paper, the group leader will distribute the scripture passages (below) for meditation.

Matthew 18:18-20
Ephesians 6:10-17
Ephesians 5:21-6:4
2 Chronicles 7:14
1 Timothy 2:1-4
Psalm 67

John 17:13-26
James 1:19-25
1 Chronicles 16:23-31
Psalm 139
Jeremiah 29:1-14
Philippians 4:8-13