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It is always a joy to see our students (both past and present) in person since offering distance learning doesn't always afford such things.

Such was the case upon a recent trip to Ouje-Bougoumou, QC for camp meeting.



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Being able to connect with our students on a personal level is such a vital component in the leadership development process, but with so many of our

students stretched across the country, in-person opportunities to be together are not always possible, so we take advantage of those times when they do present themselves.

Along with re-connecting, new relationships were forged and opportunity was given to



address the gathering under the tent. Upon hearing of the affordability and flexibility of engaging with biblical studies, several expressed interest in pursuing a bible journey that had otherwise been seen as simply not feasible. Yet, learning that you can study the Word whenever and wherever was eye opening for many.

It was a timely visit as the theme for this year's camp meeting was "Occupy Until I Come". We can only truly occupy effectively when we are adequately equipped to do what God has called each and everyone of us to do. Anything

less can quickly become empty action, turning into selfish and counter-productive activity.

ABA's ministry roots harken back to the mid 1970's and since that time we have been helping the believer to become an effective minister of the Gospel. You don't need to be a Pastor to be used of God, you just need to be willing to engage with His Word....the Holy Spirit will do the rest!

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#### The Power of 4

It has been documented that there is a significant difference in the moral behavior of someone who consistently engages the Scriptures four or more times a week. An ongoing survey conducted by the Center for Bible Engagement in the U.S. has discovered an interesting trend for those that read/study/meditate on the Word of God at least four times per week:



- 70% less likely to gamble
- 62% less likely to commit adultery
- 59% less likely to view pornography
- 58% less likely to abuse alcohol
- 30% less likely to struggle with loneliness

Further, not only are we changed, but we become world changers!

- 407% more likely to memorise scripture
- 228% more likely to share our faith with others

When we faithfully engage with the Word of God four or more times a week, we are less likely to be overcome by common life battles and the chances that we instead become positive influencers on our culture and community increases! Many of our students have witnessed this very transformation for themselves while engaged

with the Word during their studies - be they previous graduates of post secondary education or having never even completed high school.

In 1986 the Christian Rock band, White Heart released a song entitled, "Read the Book (Don't wait for the movie)".

At ABA we endorse that timeless message!



"Ask me, and I
will make the
nations your
inheritance,
the ends of the
earth your
possession ."
~ Psalm 2:8

### **ABA - Going DEEP**

Just need to carve out a little personal space here to ask, how many of you are CFL and/or NFL fans? One of the most exciting plays in football is affectionately known as the Hail Mary (all eligible receivers *go deep* down the field and the quarterback throws it as far as he can, desperately hoping one of his teammates will catch the ball.

Far from a wishful endeavor, *going DEEP...in the Word* is something that we at ABA intentionally look to help every follower of Christ do:

- Discipleship development
- Engaging in Scripture
- Equipping for Ministry
- Preparing Pastors

Want to go deeper into God's Word?

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ABA can help you GO DEEP!

## Check This Out! (Contact our office for more information)

John's Gospel

Would you like to...

**READ WONDERFUL NEWS?** 

UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD?

**HAVE A HAPPIER LIFE?** 

CHECK

**OUT EVEN** 

**MORE** 

**RESOURCES** 

ON OUR

**WEBSITE!** 

John wrote about Jesus' life and ministry so we could believe in Jesus Christ and have eternal life (John 20:31). Do you desire to grow in your faith? Are you looking for strength to live your Christian life? Do you need a closer walk with the Lord? If so, let the apostle John tell you what he saw firsthand as he followed Christ and experienced His life and ministry. As you begin this chapter-by-chapter study of the Gospel of John, ask the Lord to open your heart to His truth.

You will find what you are looking

for as you follow the instructions in this study guide. A modern method of teaching yourself helps you to learn the principles easily and put them into practice immediately.

The Christian Life series comprises 18 courses, divided into three units of six courses each

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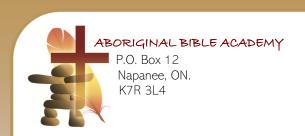
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