Growing FAITH at home

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God's Word is our greatest treasure!

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Sunday between October 9 and October 15

CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What is your favourite Bible verse or Bible story? What do you like about it? How is the Bible different from other books?
2. Hebrews 4:12 says that God's word is 'alive and working'. How have you experienced this to be true?

BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.

S	**Mark 10:17-31**	A rich man goes away sad
M	**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**	Seek good and not evil
T	**Hebrews 4:12-16**	Jesus is the great high priest
W	**Proverbs 31:8 and 9**	Defend the poor
T	**Luke 18:18-30**	A rich man
F	**Psalm 119:105-112**	Your word is a lamp to my feet
S	**Psalm 90:12-17**	Teach us wisdom

VERSE OF THE WEEK

The word of God is living and active. It is sharper than any sword that has two edges. It cuts deep enough to separate soul from spirit. It can separate joints from bones. It judges the thoughts and purposes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12

CREATIVE RESPONSE

Hebrews 4:12 says that the word of God is 'alive and working'.

Gather together various Bibles from your home. Look up some of the verses for this week and compare the different versions, noting what is similar and different.

Talk about how to read the Bible and aids that can help us. Share your favourite Bible verse/passage and highlight it in others' Bibles.

Place your Bible in a visible place, as a reminder of the central place of God's word in your life together.

ACTION RESPONSE

In Mark 10:29-31 Jesus points out that his followers prosper with many family members and family possessions. Being part of the church gives us a large, even global, family that presents us with a wealth of relationships to do God's work and will.

Practise home hospitality, welcoming fellow Christians into your dwelling as a way to share your possessions and wealth with them.

Sharing a simple meal is a way to share the wealth of the kingdom of God.

Use the Mealtime Prayer as part of your time of breaking bread together.

MEALTIME PRAYER

Lord, help us to share with others that which we receive, and give gladly to any who are in need. Amen.

PRAYER

Lord God, help us to hear your word today so that it does your good work in our lives. Amen

BLESSING

May God's favour rest on you and all you do. May his love satisfy all your needs and fill you with joy.