

HOW TO PLANT AN ORCHARD

Week 4: WHY SCRIPTURE?

Kaleo Mission & Vision
To equip everyday people to *GO, LOVE, SERVE* in the ordinary spaces God has placed them.

Principles We Practice

ABIDING: Right Position
OBEDIENCE: Right Action
SURRENDER: Right Attitude
GO: Right Response

Recap Weeks 1-3
Jesus is not a supplement. He is the full meal deal! He is present in every season. Jesus is the vine. We are the branches. Staying connected to Jesus is the most important thing. Being deeply rooted in Jesus leads to changed hearts & actions. Information in Scripture should lead to formation in us.

Why Scripture?
Reading as Meditation (Passive Reading vs. Active Engagement)

Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT) Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. 2 But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. 3 They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Passive Reading: CHECKLIST vs. Active Engagement: SHOVEL

Hebrews 5:11-14 (ERV) “We have many things to tell you about this. But it is hard to explain because you have stopped trying to understand. 12 You have had enough time that by now you should be teachers. But you need someone to teach you again the first lessons of God’s teaching. You still need the teaching that is like milk. You are not ready for solid food. 13 Anyone who lives on milk is still a baby and is not able to understand much about living right. 14 But solid food is for people who have grown up. From their experience they have learned to see the difference between good and evil.”

DISCUSS: Do you think Hebrews 5:14 is talking about passive reading or active engagement? Why? (Hint: verse 12 - think checklist vs. shovel)

Hebrews 4:12 (NTFE) God's word is alive, you see! It's powerful, and it's sharper than any double-edged sword. It can pierce right in between soul and spirit, or joints and marrow; it can go straight to the point of what the human heart is thinking, or intends to do.

DISCUSS: How is God's word alive? What does this mean for each of us?

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Meditation calls for stillness, but it also sparks movement. Reflection should lead to active obedience.

PUT INTO PRACTICE: Discovery Bible Study Discussion (Slow - Think - Question - Reflect)
John 15:6-8 (NTFE) [6]"If people don't remain in me, they are thrown out, like a branch, and they wither. People collect the branches and put them on the fire, and they are burned. [7]If you **remain** in me, and **my words remain** in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will happen for you. [8]My father is glorified in this: that you bear plenty of fruit, and so become my disciples."
(ERV) [6]If you don't stay joined to me, you will be like a branch that has been thrown out and has dried up. All the dead branches like that are gathered up, thrown into the fire and burned. [7]Stay joined together with me, and follow my teachings. If you do this, you can ask for anything you want, and it will be given to you. [8]Show that you are my followers by producing much fruit. This will bring honor to my Father.

Observation
1. What happened in this passage?

2. What stands out to you?

Interpretation
1.What does this teach us about God?

2. What does this teach us about people?

Application
1. If this is true, what should I do?

2. How can I use this truth to love, serve, or care for others?

HOPE SHOT: "The Holy Spirit's main role is not to make us emotional, but to form the character of Christ in us." — J. I. Packer