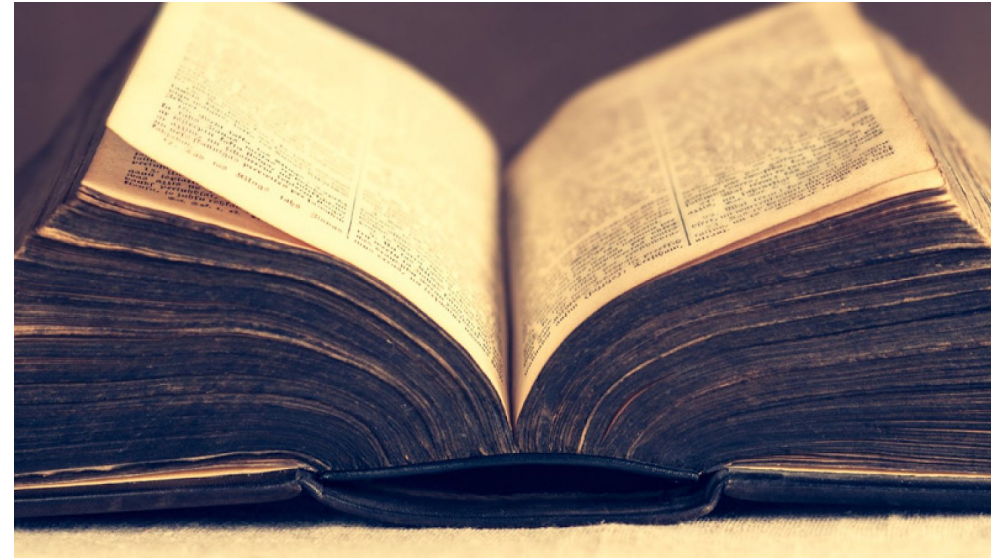


Marks of a Disciple



- ❖ What are some things that have held you back from daily Bible reading? What are some tools or resources that have helped you be more consistent or engaged?
- ❖ What are some benefits to studying the Scriptures with others in addition to on our own?
- ❖ What are some things that can get in our way when it comes to applying Scripture?
- ❖ What can we do to remove those roadblocks?
- ❖ Do you struggle with guilt or shame when you aren't doing the things you feel like you should? Does the guilt make you want to draw near to God, or pull away? Why?
- ❖ Read Matthew 11:28- 30. Do you think Jesus wants you to feel that way about approaching Him?
- ❖ Make a list of 5 practical ways you can draw near to God and apply His Word this week.

A Disciple is Governed by the Authority of God's Word

How has God revealed Himself?

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Looking Deeper

Guide to translations-

| Word For Word | Thought For Thought | Paraphrase |
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| NASB | KJV NKJV ESV | NRSV NAB |
| | NIV | NLT NJB |
| | | CEV |
| | | TLB |
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|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| CEV | Contemporary English Version | NIV | New International Version |
| ESV | English Standard Version | NJB | New Jerusalem Bible (Catholic) |
| KJV | King James Version | NKJV | New King James Version |
| MSG | The Message (Eugene Peterson) | NLT | New Living Translation |
| NAB | New American Bible (Catholic) | NRSV | New Revised Standard Version |
| NASB | New American Standard Bible | TLB | The Living Bible (Kenneth Taylor) |

“He (Jesus) astounds and sustains us with His endless kindness. Only as we walk every deeper into this tender kindness can we live the Christian life as the New Testament calls us to. Only as we drink down the kindness of the heart of Christ will we leave in our wake , everywhere we go, the aroma of heaven, and die one day having startled the world with glimpses of divine kindness too great to be boxed in by what we deserve.” - Dane Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly

“Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years.”

Charles Spurgeon

Discussion Questions

- ❖ List some of the ways that God has revealed Himself in the past.
- ❖ What makes the Incarnate Word most effective?
- ❖ What are some doubts or objections you’ve heard people express about the Bible’s trustworthiness?
- ❖ Do you feel equipped to address those doubts and questions? Why or why not?
- ❖ What are some things that hold people back from reading the Word?