

SERMON: Growing in the Word

January 6, 2019

SERIES: Growing in Grace

SPEAKER: Pastor Brady

CONNECT (5-10 minutes): Help the members of the group grow in relationships with one another so all people in the group know they matter. Spend some time discovering what is happening in the lives of your group members. Share how God has been revealing himself in each other's lives.

REVIEW (15-20 minutes): Use this time to review the passage and the sermon outline (see below).

Note: this is a great opportunity to share leadership.

Use these simple questions to review the sermon/passage or for if you don't have much time:

1. What does this passage teach you about God? About us?
2. How does this passage point us to the gospel? How does it challenge you? Change you?

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1

SERMON OUTLINE:

I. The value of the Word

II. Relating to the Word

III. Jesus the Word

GROW (45-60 minutes): Use this time to go deeper with your group. Use these questions to discuss the sermon/passage:

1. Read 2 Peter 3:18. Only grace through Jesus Christ can cause our spiritual growth. How does this relate to how we read and understand the word of God?
2. How does Psalm 1 describe the person who is rooted in the word of God (remember "law" here means the entire scriptures)? What idea in Psalm 1 stands out to you?
3. We can delight in scripture only when we view it through Christ (without Christ all of scripture will condemn us). How does Jesus fulfill Psalm 1 for us?
4. We relate to the word of God and delight in it by meditating on it. Use Psalm 1 and the questions below to practice moving from reading to meditating on scripture.
 - What does Psalm 1 teach us about God? About man (ourselves)?
 - Where can we see God's law in Psalm 1? Where can we see God's grace (think about how it connects to Christ)?
 - What is the compelling gospel truth of Psalm 1?
 - How would your life be different if you really believed in this truth?
 - Pray: How can you pray Psalm 1 back to God?