

“The Bible-First Lifestyle”

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“And God said....” Genesis 1

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...the Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.” John 1:1, 14

5 Great truths:

- God is.
- We know God is because He revealed Himself in natural and supernatural ways.
- We know God is because He came to earth as the man Jesus Christ.
- We know what God wants and how to know Him by His Word recorded: The Bible
- We know that sin came into the world because man disregarded God’s Word.

“It’s time to make biblical literacy more than just a slogan; it must become a clearly defined target.”
Rick Dubose; General Treasurer of the Assembly of God

1. Bible First

- Holy Bible – **Set apart Book**
- The Bible is God’s “exhale” into mankind.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness...” 2 Tim. 3:16

- The Bible is alive

“For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”
Heb. 4:12

- The Bible is enduring

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God endures forever.” Is. 40:8

- God values the Word above all

“For you have exalted above all things your Name and your Word.” Ps. 138:2

2. Lifestyle

“He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s Word and put it into practice.”
Luke 8:21

- The Bible sustains you

“Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.” Dt. 8:3

- The Bible guides your steps

“Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.” Ps. 119:105

- The Bible helps you in times of temptation

“I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” Ps. 119:11

- The Bible builds your faith

“Faith comes from hearing and hearing from the Word of God.” Rom. 10:17

3. Bible Literacy

- **Read** and **comprehend** it
- **Speak** it
- **Think** it

4. How will we get there?

- **Pulpit** – Bible grounded teaching
- **Process** – GIC, Sunday classes, Generations groups
- **Personal** Devotion – Each person responsible for reading, memorizing and living the Bible

“Jesus loves me this I know for the Bible tells me so....”

Discussion Starters for Your Groups InCommon

1. What is your favorite Bible verse and why?
2. If you have struggled with being a disciplined Bible reader, why do you think it's been so difficult for you? What can you do in 2019 to develop better Bible study habits?
3. Are there Bible passages that give you a great deal of trouble? Which ones and why?