
A Year in the Word

A Year in the Word: Part 1

Small Group Questions: Building my Life on the Word

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Read

John 6:63; Hebrews 4:2 and 4:12; Joshua 1:8; 1 Thess. 2:13; Romans 10:17; Matthew 4:4; Psalm 119:11; Luke 8:18 and 10:25–37; and James 1:22

Reflect

God offers us his life-giving Word in the Bible. It has the amazing power to change lives. But are we using all the history, wisdom and grace available in those pages to the fullest extent possible? Probably for most of us that would be a 'no.' How much more does the Bible offer that we skim or miss out on entirely in our lives?

Pastor Josh Surratt gives us several ways we can build our lives on the Word of God.

1. The Bible comes alive with faith.
 - a. Have you ever read the entire Bible? What books of the Bible are your favorites, and why?
 - b. Which are the hardest for you to read, and why?
 - c. Are you making new plans and resolutions? Where does growing spiritually rank in that list?
 - d. What are you praying for most right now?
2. Revelation activates your faith.
 - a. What are some of your biggest questions about what the Bible says? Consider making a list.
 - b. Describe a time when you've read something in the Bible and soon found it applicable.
3. Meditation activates revelation.
 - a. What habits/methods help you focus, reflect and pray? Do you have a specific time or place for quiet time?

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1. I must accept its authority.
 - a. How are you going to react if you read something in the Bible that you disagree with or do not understand?
 - i. Do you trust in God's authority? Explain.
 - b. How have you seen and heard people pick and choose what to accept in the Bible?
2. I must assimilate its truths.
 - a. Which of the following is easiest and hardest for you? Explain.
 - i. Listen to God's Word.
 - ii. Read God's Word.
 - iii. Explore God's Word.
 - b. How has it helped you to hear different perspectives and testimonies on specific issues discussed in the Bible?
3. I must apply its principles.
 - a. Do you look for a verse for every difficult situation you go through?
 - i. If so, how has it helped you?

Respond: What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?