

**The Bible was given to change our lives, not just to give us knowledge. D.L. Moody**

## HOW DOES GOD'S LIVING WORD CHANGE ME? 7 WAYS

### 1. IT RECREATES MY LIFE

**JAMES 1:18** - “He chose to give us birth through the word of truth...”

### 2. IT ERADICATES MY GUILT

**EPHESIANS 5:25-26** - Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word.

### 3. IT ACTIVATES MY FAITH

**ROMANS 10:17** - “Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ.”

### 4. IT STIMULATES MY GROWTH

**ACTS 20:32** “I commit you to God and to the Word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

**2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17** “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

### 5. IT ILLUMINATES MY MIND

**PSALM 119:130 (CEV)** “Understanding your Word brings light to the minds of ordinary people.”

**PSALM 119:105** “Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.”

### 6. IT ELEVATES MY MODD

**ROMANS 15:4** “Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

**PSALM 119:114 (MES)** “You're my place of quiet retreat; I wait for your Word to renew me.”

### 7. IT LIBERATES MY POTENTIAL

**JOHN 8:31-32 (NAS)** “If you continue in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!”

## HOW DO I GAIN THESE BENEFITS?

### 1. LEARN IT

**MARK 12:24 (LB)** Jesus said “Your trouble is that you don't know the Scriptures ...”

## 2. ACCEPT IT AS MY AUTHORITY

**1 THESSALONIANS. 2:13** “When you received the Word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the Word of God, which is at work in you who believe.”

## 3. ACT ON IT

**JOHN 13:17** “Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you DO them.”

**PSALM 119:18** “Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law!”

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### ENGAGE TEAMS:

**If you're ready to start your own Engage Team and already have a friend at Phos in mind...**

1. Connect with one or a few friends and invite them to join you in reading your Bible and using the S.O.A.P guide.
2. Plan a time to meet on a weekly basis for three or four weeks in a row.
3. Individually read your Bible and complete your S.O.A.P. book.
4. At your weekly meetings, discuss these questions:
  - A. What's your favorite Scripture passage you read this week?
  - B. What do you think God is saying to you about that passage?
  - C. What will you do about what you're learning?
  - D. How can we pray for each other this week?

**If you're new with Phos and aren't yet connected here or you aren't ready to start your own Engage Team...**

1. Look through this list and find a team that fits your interest/schedule:
  - A. **Craig Rabeneck's Team**, meeting Fridays at 6:30 AM, at the South Oldham Fire Department, October 5, 12, & 19. Contact Craig at 502-641-9374 or [craig@craigmachinery.com](mailto:craig@craigmachinery.com).
  - B. **Mike Arvin's Team**, meeting Thursdays at 1:15 PM, at Moe's Southwest Grill at Hwy 22 and Gene Snyder, October 4, 11, 18, & 25. Contact Mike at 502.263.8086 or [Mike@PhosChurch.com](mailto:Mike@PhosChurch.com).
  - C. **Theresa Stewart's Team** meeting Wednesdays at 10 AM at her home 1005 Oakridge Court, Crestwood, KY 40014. Beginning September 26. This group will be flexible in time and gathering space so contact Theresa for info at 502-930-3245 [treas4kids@aol.com](mailto:treas4kids@aol.com).
  - D. **Laura Cochran's Team**, for 6th graders up through young adults meeting Wednesdays from 7 - 8 PM at 4200, Oct 3, 10 and 17. Contact Laura if interested at 502.640.4927 or [Laura@PhosChurch.com](mailto:Laura@PhosChurch.com).
2. Contact the team leader and let them know you would like to join them.
3. Individually read your Bible and complete your S.O.A.P. book.
4. Go to your weekly meetings to discuss the questions listed above.

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