

Go. Live.

A Series on the DNA of our Church Family

2 – Saturated with Scripture

Psalm 19.7-10

Why be saturated?

- Content
 - Law – Torah / teaching
 - Testimony – Highway sign that is both instructive and warning
 - Precepts – map that leads you straight there
 - Commands – something to be heard and heeded
 - Fear – awe-inspiring word to us
 - Rules / Ordinances – judgment of what ought to be / have been
- Character
 - Perfect – whole, lacking nothing and without blemish
 - Sure – foundation is secure and unshifting
 - Right – straight, unbowed, true like wood
 - Pure – radiant sunshine on a cloudless day
 - Clean – residing in God's presence (ceremonially pure)
 - True – reliable and permanent
- Effect
 - Revive the soul – puts life in the being and keeps it there
 - Make wise the simple – instruction of the ignorant (not fools who disobey)
 - Rejoice the heart – not through gritted teeth but with Joy (1 John 5.3; John 8.32)
 - Enlighten the Eyes – not just see but see everything else because of it (CS Lewis)
 - Enduring forever – Psalm 119.89
 - Righteous altogether – not capricious and no divine whim
- Nature
 - Better than gold and sweeter than honey (v.10)
 - Hear the warning and receive the reward (v.11)
 - It has both carrot and stick – because we need both at different times

So what?

- Open it! – Read Examine Apply Pray
- Try -> Trust - Truth – the more you trust it, the more you see its truth
 - Responses:
 - Are we better off with a relaxed attitude?
 - But what about examples in the Bible?
 - Culture has moved on, why don't we?

Questions for Discussion:

1. What's your favorite part / story / verse in the Bible? Why? What does it mean to you? When did it become your favorite?
2. What is one way that the Bible has affected you (one of the six effects listed above – revive the soul, enlighten the eyes, etc.)?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3.16-17. Paul says the Scripture is “God-breathed” and is “profitable” for some things. Which of those hits closes to home? How is it changing or challenging you?
4. Read 2 Peter 1.3-5. Peter tells us that it is through the promises that we become like Jesus. What promise are you holding on to right now? How is it making you like Jesus? Read 2 Peter 1.21-22. These promises were given unlike any other promise. How was that? What does it mean that men “wrote as they were carried along by the Spirit?”
5. How do you describe your Bible reading plan? If you don't have one, try the McCheyne plan that Trent mentioned on Sunday (and in the Midweek Memo this week). Where are you finding the Bible to be trustworthy and true (what it says about culture, about a particular topic, etc.)?