
THE BIBLE, WEEK 7 - SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

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- This weekend, we looked at the tea bag illustration as we read Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." Have someone in your group read Psalm 1:1-3. In light of that passage, talk through these questions as a group.

If you were a plant growing out of the soil of God's word, would you be more like a piece of grass which isn't planted too deeply or a tree that is rooted? How is the person rooted in God's word described in Psalm 1:3? Are you experiencing this life? Why or why not? How can you root yourself deeper in Scripture this week?

Practical Application

- Have someone from the group read Luke 8:4-15. This is the passage we looked at this weekend that represents the four ways we approach the Bible. Before you surrendered your life to Christ, what soil do you think your life represented and why? What steps do you remember taking to become good soil and accept God's Word into your life?
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- Reviewing Point #3 from this weeks message, what is your next step in your daily time in God's Word? How can your group keep you accountable in taking this step?
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(John 8:31-32 NASB) If you continue in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free!

Continue In The Word

(Psalm 119:20 CEV) What I want most of all and at all times is to honor your laws.

1. Build it into the _____.

(Matthew 7:24) Everyone who hears these words of mine, and puts them into practice, is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

(Exodus 23:2) Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.

(Proverbs 16:25) There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

(Judges 21:25 MSG) At that time there was no king in Israel. People did whatever they felt like doing.

2. Approach it with the _____.

(Luke 8:5) A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.

(Luke 8:12) Those along the footpath are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes along and takes away the word from their hearts, so they cannot believe and be saved.

✓ The hardened soil = a _____.

Action: I must cultivate an _____.

(Luke 8:6 NLT) Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. This seed began to grow, but soon it withered and died for lack of moisture.

(Luke 8:13 NLT) The rocky soil represents those who hear the message with joy. But like young plants in such soil, their roots don't go very deep. They believe for a while, but they wilt when the hot winds of testing blow.

✓ The shallow soil = a _____.

Action: I must _____ for God's Word!

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(Luke 8:7 NLT) Other seed fell in the weeds; the weeds grew with it and strangled it.

(Luke 8:14 NLT) The seed that fell among weeds stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way, they are choked by life's worries, riches, and pleasures, and they don't mature.

✓ The soil with weeds = a _____.

Action: I must _____.

(Luke 8:15 NLT) The seeds that fell in good soil stand for those who hear the message and retain it in a good and obedient heart, and they persist until they bear fruit.

✓ The good soil = a _____.

Action: _____!

(James 1:22) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

3. Make it a _____.

(Colossians 3:16 ESV) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

✓ Get a _____ I like.

✓ _____ the Bible.

✓ Put it in _____.

(Psalm 119:11) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

What is the Holy Spirit Saying to Me?

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My Story

- In the message this weekend, we discussed the foolishness of building your life (house) on the sand. The three types of sand we see in our world today are *popular culture* (what everyone else is doing), *reason* (what I think is right), and *feelings* (how I feel about it). What is the easiest "sand" for you to fall into? Why?

Going Deeper

- Have a few different people from the group read James 1:22 in different Bible translations. Why do you believe James, being the pastor of the church in Jerusalem, felt it was important to give this instruction? What do you think was going on in the church for him to feel the need to write this?
