

RULE OF LIFE: SCRIPTURE

October 27th, 2024

MESSAGE RECAP

This week, we started a new series called “Rule of Life.” The focus is on creating rhythms and habits that help us grow spiritually and look more like Jesus. We explored the importance of reading scripture daily, not as a checkbox, but as a way of connecting with God and allowing His Word to transform us. The challenge for the week is simple but impactful: read your Bible daily. We are challenged to develop this habit as part of our Rule of Life.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What is one routine or habit you have in your life that helps you stay grounded?
2. Why do you think reading scripture is such an important part of our spiritual growth?
3. Practice Exercise: SOAP Method – Mark 4:1-12.
 - a. **Scripture:** Read Mark 4:1-12 out loud together. Don’t skip ahead to the following verses just yet. Talk about the placement of the book in the bible, the author, the historical context, and the type of writing this is.
 - b. **Observation:** What stands out to you in this passage? Are there any specific words or phrases that catch your attention? Is this meant to be taken literally or figuratively? What doesn’t make sense just yet?
 - c. **Application:** Read Mark 4:13-20 and look at the direct interpretation of the parable Jesus gives.
 - i. Is this what you originally thought it meant?
 - ii. Which type of soil do you think best represents where you are in your walk with God right now?
 - iii. What changes could you make to ensure you’re “good soil” where God’s Word can take root and grow?
 - d. **Prayer:** Take time as a group to pray. Ask God to help you become good soil and to guide you in establishing a daily rhythm of scripture reading. Confess to God where you would like to change.
4. Challenge of the week: Set aside time each day to read the Bible. Text your group with the scripture that stood out to you.