

Read Ephesians 6:10-17. Describe the armor of God.

Sermon Notes

Soaking in God's Word

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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What are the implications that the weapon we are offered is the word of God?

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (TNIV)

Taking It Home

Describe a time when you have encountered God's truth through the Bible in such a way to change your behavior. What caused the change? What was benefit?

Have you ever tried to spend regular time in God's Word? What happened?

How would you describe your current practice of "soaking in God's Word?" Are there things you wish were different? What needs to happen to help things change?



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Community Group Study Guide

For the week of February 20, 2011

Getting Started

If Nolan had to give an abbreviated version of Sunday's message, what two points or ideas would you tell him to include no matter what?

On Sunday, Nolan discussed the difference between informational reading and formational reading. In your experience is one harder than the other? Which one is harder? Why?

Second Timothy 3:16 described four things that Scripture was useful for (teaching, rebuking, correction, and training). Which one of those do you resonate with the most? Explain.

Digging Deeper

Read Matthew 4:1-11. Why do you think that Jesus responded to the devil by quoting Scripture?

Do you think being knowledgeable and immersed in Scripture could affect someone who was facing struggles or temptations today? How?

Read Psalm 119:9-16. Write down things you notice.

The psalmist writes of hiding God's word in his heart (v. 11), meditating on God's ways (v. 15), and delighting in God's decrees (v. 16). Describe ways that people in our culture might do those things on a daily basis. What might happen if they do these things?

Read Hebrews 4:12-13. Why do you think the writer describes the Word of God as "alive" and "active?"

What are the advantages of having the Word infiltrate the deepest areas of our heart?