

The Carpenter's Christian Church  
Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Scriptures and Questions for Reflection:**

**Scripture:** John 1: 1; John 1: 14

- Why do you think the Bible refers to Jesus as the Word?

**Scripture:** Hebrews 4: 12

- What does it mean when this verse describes God's Word as "living and active?" In what ways is the Bible unlike any other book?

**Scripture:** James 1: 21; Romans 10: 17; John 17: 17

- What do each of the verses above say the Word has the power to do?

**Scripture:** 2 Kings 22: 1 – 2; 8 – 13; 18 – 20; 2 Kings 23: 1 – 7

- Describe Josiah's reaction when the scroll was read to him?
- How did he respond? What actions did he take?

**Scripture:** John 8: 31 – 32; John 15: 7; John 14: 21

- What do each of the verses above say happens when we abide in God's Word?

**Scripture:** Joshua 1: 8

- Explain the difference between reading the Word and meditating upon the Word. Why is meditation important? How do we go about it?

**Scripture:** James 1: 22 – 25

- What does this text suggest is a reason some people's lives are not transformed by God's Word?

**Scripture:** 1 Timothy 4: 13

- What are the benefits of studying God's Word with others?

**"Habit # 1 – Abiding in God's Word"**

- I. The power of God's Word...
  - a. In a sense, God and His Word are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. God's Word has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. God's Word has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ you.
  
- II. The blessing of abiding in the Word...
  - a. God's Word is our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Blessings for those who abide in God's Word:
    - i. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. Effective \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. God \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to you.
  
- III. Developing the discipline of abiding in the Word...
  - a. Establishing a daily \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Developing a \_\_\_\_\_ for the Word.
  - c. There's a difference between merely \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon the Word.
  - d. The Bible works when it is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. The value of spending time in the Word \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes:**

## Announcements:

### Monday, January 8th –

- Dolls of Hope meet at 10 AM.
- Mission team meeting at 6 PM.
- Church-wide prayer in the student center at 6:30 PM.

### Wednesday, January 10th –

- Team KID and student ministry resume at 6:30 PM.

### Sunday, January 14th –

- Next Steps class begins in room A-1 at 10 AM.
- The Vineyard kicks off at 6:30 PM.
  - Special music by The Master's Servants
  - Testimony by Steven Lupson
  - Lesson by Greg Warren
  - Childcare provided (check-in begins at 6:15 PM)

The student ministry is looking for volunteer youth coaches. See Allen if you are interested in serving in this ministry.

### Facts & Figures from last week:

#### Sunday AM worship

1 <sup>st</sup> service attendance –	282
2 <sup>nd</sup> service attendance –	514
Total in-person --	796
Online --	74
Total attendance -	870

#### Offering

Weekly budget need -	\$21,285
Offering --	\$113,398

#### Discipleship

Sunday school -	202
Adult LIFE groups -	N/A
Team Kid / students --	N/A