

“Do I Highly Value God’s Word?”  
(Par 6- 10 Part Series on “What is a Mature Disciple?”)  
June 5, 2011

**Scripture Reading** – Psalm 119:1-18

*A mature disciple of Jesus...highly values God’s Word! (1 Tim. 3:2)*

1. Aware of his/her own personal need for the Word of God. (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; Psalm 1:1; 2 Tim. 3:16)
  
2. Accepts the Word of God into his own life. (Psalm 119:11, 42, 105, 116)
  
3. Absolute confidence in the power of God’s Word. (Jer. 23:29; Isa. 55:11; John 17:17; Acts 4:31; Eph. 6:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Heb. 4:12)
  
4. Alert to errors or false teaching concerning God’s Word. (1 Tim. 4:6-7a; 6:20; 2 Tim. 2:15)
  
5. Able to explain God’s Word to others. (Acts 17:2-3; 18:26; Ezra 7:10)

**Application:**

1. Do you have a hunger for God’s Word? Do you spend enough time really learning God’s Word? Are you able to identify a “false” teaching when you hear it?
2. Pray for opportunities in your life to share the truth of God’s Word with someone this week.

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion  
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1. After reading Psalm 119:1-18, which statements about God's Word are most powerful in your life experience? Mature disciples are clearly grounded in God's Word. It is the foundation for everything they do. According to I Tim. 3:2 they are then able to teach others. Share with one another the difference God's Word has made in your life.
2. The first step in this process of maturity as a disciple of Jesus is to be aware of your personal need for the Word of God. What principle of life did Jesus share with Satan in the wilderness? (Matt. 4:4) Review the O.T. story and context of that verse found in Deut. 8:3. More than physical needs what do we need to realize? (Ex. 16:4)
3. What are two different ways to live according to Psalm 1:1-2? What are some of the creative ways you have practiced verse 2? Read the familiar passage in 2 Tim. 3:16-17 and clarify the ways we depend on God's Word to help us every day. Share with one another a verse that has helped you recently in your walk with Christ.
4. Not only should we be aware of our need but also we need to personally accept the Word into our lives. Read Psalm 119:11 and define the idea of hiding or treasuring the Word of God in your heart. Have you ever attempted a plan of memorizing God's Word? What are some of the advantages for knowing God's Word by heart? (Psalm 119:42, 105, 116)
5. Mature disciples have absolute confidence in God's Word. How does Jeremiah describe the power of God's Word? (Jer. 23:29) What does Isaiah say about the power of God's Word? (Isa. 55:11) Lives are changed by the Word of God. Discuss the impact of the South Hills Core Value –"God's Word in us changes us." What did Jesus say about the Word of God? (John 17:17)
6. How does Paul describe the Word of God in Eph. 6:17? (Also Heb. 4:12) Christ followers should be bold in their use of God's Word. It is the only offensive weapon we have against Satan. We need to also be alert to false teaching. Mature disciples protect the Word of God from error. Read I Tim. 4:6. How does Paul describe the teaching? How does he describe false teaching? (I Tim. 4:7; 6:20) What effort is required to guard God's Word? (2 Tim. 2:15)
7. Mature disciples are "able to teach." (I Tim. 3:2) This does not mean a person must be a "Public Speaker." What does it mean? (Acts 17:2-3; 18:26) What attitude did Ezra have when he read the Word of God? (Ezra 7:10)
8. Pray for a renewed commitment to God's Word in your life and pray for opportunities to teach or influence others with the truth of God's Word.