

Series: God Speaks

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion
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Integrating God's Word Into My Life
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Psalm 119:20

Six Ways to Integrate God's Word into Your Life:

1. Build On It!

Unreliable Foundations:

- Popular Culture
- Tradition
- Reason
- Emotion

2. Feed On It!

- i. I can receive with my ears
- ii. I can read it with my eyes
- iii. I can research it with my hands & mouth
- iv. I can reflect on it with my mind
- v. I can remember it with my heart

3. Live By It!

4. Grow Through It!

- i. The hardened soil = a closed mind
Action: I must cultivate an open mind!
- ii. The shallow soil = a superficial mind
Action: I must take time for God's Word!
- iii. The soil with weeds = a preoccupied mind
Action: I must eliminate the distractions!
- iv. The good soil = a willing mind
Action: Cooperate with what it says!

5. Act On It!

6. Trust In It!

Action Steps:

Community Group Questions

1. How was your R.E.A.P. experience with the book of James this week? Share some highlights!

2. Have someone from the group read the parable of the four soils in Luke 8:4-15. You may choose to read these verses in several different translations of the Bible.

3. In this parable, we see four states of mind and actions steps related to each state of mind. Choose one or more of the soil types and the associated state of mind and discuss how to implement the action step and what excuses people with that mindset might use to avoid taking the required action. How would you suggest the excuses be overcome?

4. What are some practical action steps that you can take to make your mind fertile soil for God's Word to transform you? Share your action items with your group.

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

5. Have everyone in the group read James 1:22, above, each emphasizing a different word each time. Which word in the verse stands out the most to you and why?

6. To achieve integrity, we are to integrate God's Word into all aspects of our lives by doing what it says. It all begins with the desire to honor God. What are some ways that people can segregate their lives and miss opportunities to include God in their lives?

7. Over the past several weeks we have been learning how to connect with God's Word more fully by becoming doers of the Word, rather than just hearers of the Word. What changes will you act on to integrate God's Word into your life?

