

The Life Challenge

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Series: Making Him Known
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Text: Hebrews 4:12-13; Matthew 6:9-13
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WARM-UP

This weekend, we took a look at the first two of our church's four value statements:

- Submission to Scripture
- Prayer Engagement

Share one personal "take away" from this past weekend's worship service.

DISCUSSION

SUBMISSION TO SCRIPTURE

Read Hebrews 4:12-13 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17

- According to these passages, what role can and should scripture play in our lives?
- What are the expected outcomes from our engagement with scripture?
- In the Hebrews passage in particular, encountering God's word is described not as a passive experience, but as a 2-way encounter. In fact, it's described more in terms of action God's word takes in our direction instead of action we take engaging God's word.
- Do you experienced this to be true of your encounters with the bible?
- If so, describe what that is like for you.

PRAYER ENGAGEMENT

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 and Matthew 6:7-13

- As you read the Ephesians passage, in what ways is prayer described as a tool of "warfare" in the Kingdom of God?
- As you read the Lord's prayer in Matthew, what themes do you note in the way Jesus teaches His disciples to pray?
- As you look at both of these passages, in which ways do they describe, or evidence, the kind of prayer you engage in?
- Are there elements of prayer you note in these passages that might be "missing" from your engagement in prayer? If so, what might those elements be?

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Practically speaking...

- Both in regards to prayer and engaging with the word of God, share what practices you find most helpful for you. What do you find to be most effective ways of engaging these two values in your own life?
- What are the biggest barriers to you consistently and effectively engaging both in prayer and in reading, and submitting to, God's word?
- In what ways do you live out these values in your life group...and are there ways in which you could engage them even more deeply and effectively?