

# Group Questions- *Working Faith: Week 6*

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## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- If you could magically become fluent in any language, what would it be?
- What is one of the most memorable gifts you've ever received?

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something from this week's teaching that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc?

**READ:** Matthew 7:24-27 and Psalm 18:2

- Compare the 2 passages. Who is the solid rock and why is it important to anchor myself on this 'rock'?
- Jesus is emphasizing the importance of building the house of your life upon the solid foundation of God's word. There are three forces which will bring the house down: rain, winds and flood. Can you describe any of those forces currently attacking your life?

**READ:** James 1:19-21

- This verse asks us to humbly accept God's word in our life. How has God's word challenged your preconceived views of faith, the world and God?

**READ:** James 1:22-25

- Pastor Kirby gave us 5 approaches from this passage to Anchoring our lives on the word of God.
  - Listen
  - Look Intently
  - Continue (habit)
  - Memorize
  - Do it
- Which of the 5 do you find easy to do? Which of the 5 are difficult for you to do? Why?

## *Application Questions:*

- How will you put these ideas into practice in your decision?
- How can you trust God more today?
- How can we help each other with it?

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Matthew 7:24-27

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Hebrews 6:19

<sup>19</sup> We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain,

Psalms 119:81

<sup>81</sup> My soul faints with longing for your salvation,  
but I have put my hope in your word.

### **How to anchor our life**

- 1) Treat God's word as a gift

Isaiah 59:21

<sup>21</sup> “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the Lord. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the Lord.

James 1:17-18

<sup>17</sup> Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. <sup>18</sup> He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

### **5 Aspects to the gift of God's word**

- A. God's Word is GOOD
- B. God's Word is PERFECT
- C. God's Word points us to the Jesus
- D. God never changes
- E. God's Word (Jesus) is life giving

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” – George Santayana

Romans 15:4

<sup>4</sup> For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

## 2) Accept the Word of God

'The Word of God is written FOR us, not TO us.'

James 1:19-21

<sup>19</sup> My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, <sup>20</sup> because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

## 3) Study then do.

James 1:22-25

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

### **Approaching and Anchoring our lives on the Word of God**

- A. Listen
- B. Look Intently
- C. Continue (habit)
- D. Memorize

Joshua 1:8

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

- E. Do it

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