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First Principles Session #2:
The Word of God

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

This Sunday is House Church Service (See phxicc.org/services)

- **South Phoenix at 10:00am** – Lunde’s Home – Contact Scott Lunde: 360-521-6537
- **Scottsdale/Tempe at 10:00am** – Stanley’s Home – Contact Robb Hamblin: 602-821-7563
- **Chandler/Gilbert 10:00am** – Barretts Home – Contact Alphonso Davis: 480-335-0316
- **ASU Campus/Teens at 10:00am** – Discovery Hall, #350 – Contact Toby Brown: 520-249-0080
- **Tempe at 3:00pm** – 1865 Coffee (40 E. University Dr, Tempe) – Contact Anthony Patterson: 316-712-1317

Wednesday 7:30PM First Principles Session 3 – “Discipleship”

- **SDA Rotunda (5902 E. Camelback Rd, Phoenix AZ)**

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Intro & Seeking God: QUESTIONS

- 1 - Please write out **Matthew 6:33**
 - 2 - What are the three parts of the purpose of the FP class?
 - 3 - What do you study when someone has no faith in Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection?
 - 4 - What is one point you can make from **Psalm 119:1-2**?
 - 5 - What is one point you can make from **John 4:23-24**?
- BONUS:** What **scripture** explains **why** we **study** the book of **John** with someone who has **no faith** in Christ **Jesus**?

THIS WEEK'S QUIZ

Intro & Seeking God: ANSWERS

1. **Matthew 6:33** “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
2. The three parts of the purpose of the FP class are **(1) Solidify (2) Unify (2) Multiply**
3. What do you study when someone has no faith in Jesus Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection? **The gospel of John.**
4. What is one point you can make from **Psalms 119:1-2**?
 - A. Blessed means happy (superlatively happy)
 - B. Happiness is not the goal of one who seeks God but the "by-product"
 - C. To seek God you must do it with all your heart
 - D. Seeking God means to "keep His statutes"
5. What is one point you can make from **John 4:23-24**?
 - A. God seeks men (Acts 17 taught men must seek God)
 - B. Men who want to worship Him in spirit and in truth

BONUS: John 20:30

~Fellowship Break~



Build Study Teams

The WORD of GOD: Review

- If they have no real faith in Christ – start with the book of John.
 - Build faith from this eye-witness account. Meet daily/every other day.
- If they have a faith, then start with "**Seeking God.**"
- Always start with prayer.
 - Want **God** to move. God focused, not man focused.
 - Not about *us converting* someone, but **God** moving!
- Get them familiar with the scriptures.
 - Let Toby do the reading. Let Leroy read. Then I'll read.
 - Help them realize they can understand it for themselves. This produces faith a lot faster - when they are comfortable with reading it!
- Take notes! Inspires people when you know the study by heart and can write down the scriptures by memory.
 - This is not Toby & Jeremy, this is what God is saying to me!
 - This conviction comes when they go over the study and scriptures themselves.

The WORD of GOD: Beginning The Study (1)

- Don't want to take 2 hours to do this study. Keep it under an hour.
 - Exception L&D and maybe The Cross studies.
- As you discuss and explain *each* scripture gently call them to a decision. **Don't wait until the end** to call them to a decision.
- Be in great spiritual shape!
 - Don't present the Word of God in a boring way, **to do so is "sin!"**
- Here we are with Toby and Leroy.
 - Explain , we are going to study the "Word of God." As you know, one of the core convictions of our church is that **All Scripture Is Inspired."**

Beginning The Study (cont.)

"How did you feel about going back over the Seeking God study."

- "I see I have to change my priorities..." (Encourage them!)
- How often does someone who is seeking God with all their heart read their bible? Pray? Are you too busy!? (Do they know how to have a quiet time? Set up quiet times with them! Teach them!)
- God's attention when we seek him...and the attention of the enemy – the prince of this world. Does not want you reading your bible/praying! Wants to keep you in ignorance of God's and keep the Holy Spirit out of you.

Reviewing & Re-explaining Acts 17:28

- "See anything else in the passage?"
- "God is working in my life...it's how and why I met Toby. I feel like it is God."

"This study builds on our last study about seeking God"

"We'll be taking notes as before. You'll have them as we close out this evening..." (Recommend: Give them a **Notebook**)

The WORD of GOD: 2 Tim 3:16-17

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A. All Scripture is inspired by God

B. It is to be applied to our lives

- "What do you get out of this?"
 - "We need to be equipped."
- "The bible is inspired by God. Not just inspirational literature - It is **useful**."
- Most have "never seen the bible as practical."
Intent of scripture is that it is useful, applied to our lives.

2 Tim 3:16-17 (cont.)

Are you open to having people use the bible in your life? (Call them to this conviction) PUT it into practice.

- **Teaching:** show or explain to (someone) something. [Like now!]
- **Rebuking:** express sharp disapproval or criticism of (someone) because of their behavior or actions. [Like my daughter opening the car door while moving!]
- **Correcting:** put right (an error or fault).
- **Training:** teach (a person) a particular skill or type of behavior through practice and instruction over a period of time. [Mention/explain “discipling”]
- **Thoroughly equipped:** Riled-up, altar calls, you can’t prepare someone for every good work unless then know the basics.
- **ASK A LOT of questions...**where are their convictions?

Hebrews 4:12-13

A. The Word is relevant

- Living and Active. *Not* a dead book. Relates to life!

B. The Word cuts (hurts)

- Cuts our sin away like a scalpel. Judges our thoughts and our attitudes in our hearts. (First visit to church.)

C. Learn that it is good to be “cut,” because a scalpel (God’s Word) “cuts” the cancer (sin) out!

- If you knew you had cancer, surgery would be welcomed!
- Understand, getting challenged to change is GOOD, get them focused on GOD not MAN.
- Share something you were **challenged on** and **changed** because of the WORD of GOD.

BONUS: “Uncovered & Laid Bare?”

- This part of **Hebrews 4:13** seems redundant...

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are open	PHR	G1131	γυμνός <i>gymnos</i>	🔊
and		G2532	καί <i>kai</i>	🔊
laid bare	PHR	G5136	τραχηλίζω <i>trachēlizō</i>	🔊
to the eyes	PHR	G3788	ὀφθαλμός <i>ophthalmos</i>	🔊
of Him	PHR	G846	αὐτός <i>autos</i>	🔊
with whom	PHR	G3739	ὃς <i>hos</i>	🔊
we have	PHR	G1473	ἐγώ <i>egō</i>	🔊
to do	PHR	G3056	λόγος <i>logos</i>	🔊

“Laid bare” – “*trachēlizō*”

Lexicon :: Strong's G5136 - *trachēlizō* Aa

τραχηλίζω

Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>trachēlizō</i>	trā-khā-lē'-zō (Key) 
Part of Speech	Root Word (Etymology)
verb	From <i>τράχηλος</i> (G5137)

Dictionary Aids

Vine's Expository Dictionary: [View Entry](#)

KJV Translation Count — Total: 1x

The KJV translates Strong's G5136 in the following manner: open (1x).

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

I. to seize and twist the neck or throat

A. of combatants who handle thus their antagonist

II. to bend back the neck of a victim to be slain, to lay bare or expose by bending back

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- III. to lay bare, uncover, expose
- IV. laid bare, laid open, made manifest

Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words

18 Strong's Number: G5136 Greek: *trachelizo*

Lay:

"to seize and twist the neck" (from *trachelos*, "the throat"), was used of wrestlers, in the sense of taking by the throat. The word is found in Hbr 4:13, "laid open," RV (AV, "opened"). The literal sense of the word seems to be "with the head thrown back and the throat exposed." Various suggestions have been made as to the precise significance of the word in this passage. Some have considered that the metaphor is from the manner of treating victims about to be sacrificed. Little help, however, can be derived from these considerations. The context serves to explain the meaning and the RV rendering is satisfactory.

Notes:

2 Peter 1:20-21

A. There is no private interpretation of the Bible

- There are different people who interpret things differently – yet God has His intent for every scripture.
- Three different “interpretations” can’t all be right. They all can be wrong though...
- Harmonize, like building a table – you don’t use just one leg! You check the context and cross reference things with other scriptures!

2 Peter 1:20-21 (cont.)

B. The Holy Spirit inspired the men who wrote the books of the Bible

- Every scripture has an intent in the mind of God. Yes, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Prophets, apostles, Jesus, spoke scripture - they were inspired by the Holy Spirit. (Pen/Prophet analogy)
- Jesus was not confused. Apostles not confused. Prophets were not confused. God is not a God of confusion and he has his intent in the scriptures!

John 8:31-32

A. Intellectual belief is not enough – nor can we go by our feelings

- This is a great discussion point. Many believe that Jesus is the Christ, Messiah, the Savior...but do not hold to his teachings.

B. Everyone must hold on to and follow the teachings of Jesus to be a true disciple

John 8:31-32 (cont.)

C. Sincerity does not equal truth

- A lot of people believe certain things...*never challenge people's sincerity or experiences*. If you get into that you're going to get into the wrong issue. This is NOT the time to bring that up, trying to **build faith in the standard of the scriptures** and bring them to conviction that they will **go by the Word**. (*Even above experiences and feelings.*)
- (*Football touchdown analogy – just because it **looks like** a touchdown, **does not mean it IS** a touchdown*)

D. Religious people can be wrong

- Call them to a deep conviction, just because someone is sincere in their faith does not make them biblically a true Christian. We must **hold to** the teachings!

Matt 15:1-9

A. Do not go by traditions or creeds

B. Worship by traditions – which contradicts the Word of God – is worship in vain!

“I am going to go by the word of God no matter what. Not my traditions or feelings...” Otherwise Jesus says I’ll...

1 - Nullify the word of God.

2 – be a **hypocrite**

3 – give God **lip service**

4 – have a **heart far from God.**

5 - **worship** in vain. (might as well not do it at all).

Matt 15:1-9 (cont.)

- Not all traditions evil, only those that contradict the word of God! (Christmas & Thanksgiving Ok!)
- This is not the time to discuss your own “false conversion” experience or to go after specific churches’ doctrines.
- **This time is about helping “Leroy” to have deep convictions on the WORD *first*.** You are **laying the foundation** for the challenging things the scriptures teach in the future.
- **Critical conviction**, they will go by the word of God and not traditions! “Any traditions you need to let go of?”
- “Do you want to go by the word of God?” ASK good questions!

1 Timothy 4:16

- A. Watch your life and doctrine closely – they are inseparable (Like two airplane wings)**
- B. Which is more important, life or doctrine?**
 - Neither – an airplane with only one wing cannot fly, neither will a Christian without both of these!
- C. Why is it so important to learn and to teach and to live the right doctrine? To save yourself and those who hear you – this is a SALVATION ISSUE.**

Acts 17:10-12

A. Must check what religious leaders say

- If what preacher is saying is true, then it is God speaking to you through them! You need to do it! (I've been a disciple 20+ years, I still TAKE NOTES in CHURCH!)

B. Your challenge: Read and study the Bible every day!

- Want to be weighed as a person of noble character?
Three “E” challenge: **Eagerly** receive the message, **Examine** the scriptures, **Every** day!

Acts 17:10-12 (cont.)

We challenge our membership and those who attend any event:

- **Eagerly** receive the message! Early & Attentive. Bringing a bible & notebook! **Take NOTES.**
- **Examine** the **scriptures** to see if what is said was true!
 - Every single member have a bible, reading along and taking notes. We always will have *well intentioned* people speaking...does not necessarily mean what they teach is 100% ok! **Go OVER the SCRIPTURES in your NOTES.**
- **Everyday!** Since our last meeting, have you been reading everyday?
 - A chance to disciple them, encourage them, gently challenge them.
 - When someone reads everyday, it changes them profoundly!

James 1:22-25

A. The Word of God is a mirror

B. Do not forget what you see – “do what it says!”

- Imagine the wife putting on makeup without a mirror or at the end of the day just before sleep?
- We need to be humble before God...what do I really look like? What is going on in my heart?
- Walk away and not deal with our hair or scuzzy-face? The Word needs to impact you and cause you to make changes!

John 12:48

A. Why study the Bible? The Word will judge us!

- Some say, this is unfair and/or too radical. (They may not verbalize this.)
- God is gracious and generous.
 - Imagine, you're in high school Physics and you sat in the class the entire year.
 - Then during the FINAL EXAM we try to explain why we did not even read the textbook...we were too busy doing other good things and tending to our demanding parents...
 - You are not going to pass that class. We understand this in a worldly way, need to understand it in a spiritual one!

Next Sessions Quiz!

Wednesday 7:30PM – SDA Rotunda

- The scripture memory assigned during this **session (#2) – John 8:31-32 and Philippians 4:13**
- Know the Word of God study's scripture order and bullet points for each!
- Start working on your acts outline!
 - Three bullet points per chapter.
- Be working on your memorization of the books of the bible!