



NOW WHAT?

Week 7

General:

- Pastor Chip began with Eph. 6:10-17, highlighting the “armor of God.” How would we even know what truth, salvation, righteousness, or faith mean without Scripture?
- Why do you personally read the Bible? Has your motivation changed over time?
- How often do you open Scripture? When you do, what tends to guide your time in it? (Curiosity? Obligation? Need? Desire?)
- When it comes to studying the Bible, what habits or methods have helped you grow in your understanding?
- What challenges or obstacles often get in the way of consistent time in God’s Word?

Take Home 1: Start with an understanding of “why?” (Rom. 15:4)

- Re-read Rom. 15:4. How does this verse reframe the way you view the purpose of Scripture? What does this verse suggest about the timeless nature of God’s truth?
- What would it look like to approach God’s Word each day expecting endurance, encouragement, and hope?
- In what situations has Scripture given you hope when you felt like giving up?

Take Home 2: We read knowing the truth that God is talking to us.

- Pastor Chip uses Mt. 22:29-32 as an example of how Jesus quotes Exodus but claims that God was speaking to them (and to us). How is it possible that words written thousands of years ago still speak into our lives today?
- When you open the Bible, do you come expecting a personal word from God, or just historical insight?
- What would change if you truly believed God wanted to speak directly to you through His Word this week?

Take Home 3: We want to read doing our best to understand the meaning the author intended.

- Why is it important to ask, “What did the original author mean to say to the original audience?” before jumping to personal application?
- What are some common mistakes people make when interpreting Scripture? Have you made any of these yourself?
- Pastor Chip talked about word meaning, background, context, prescriptive vs. descriptive, etc. How can these things deepen your reading of the Bible?
- When was a time that understanding the context of a passage helped you see its meaning more clearly?

Take Home 4: Ultimately, we read Scripture to see Jesus

- What does it mean to say that “all of Scripture points to Jesus”? How might that change the way you read the Old Testament?
- Pastor Chip played 2 videos which show how the stories of Joseph Daniel point us to Jesus. How does seeing Jesus through these Biblical stories compel you to study Scripture? How does it impact you?
- What passages or stories in Scripture have helped you personally see Jesus more clearly?

