

Our Core Values - Part 4

Biblical Focus: Applying God's never changing Word to an ever changing world

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) The word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

See What God Wants Me To See

Illumination: Letting the Holy Spirit show me the meaning of God's Word and how it applies to my life.

John 14:26 The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 14:7 (NLT) He is the Holy Spirit, who leads in all truth...

Ephesians 1:18-19 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

When God Opens My Eyes...

1. I see the _____ to my _____.

Genesis 21:19 Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

2. I see the _____ to my _____.

Numbers 22:31 Then the Lord opened Balaam's eyes, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the road with his sword drawn. So he bowed low and fell face down.

3. I see the _____ for what's _____ me.

2 Kings 6:17 Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes so he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha!

4. I see how God is _____ with _____.

Luke 24:31 Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.

So...What Do I Do?

1. Begin a relationship with _____.

1 Corinthians 2:14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

John 3:3 I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God until he is born again.

2. Ask God in faith to _____.

Psalms 119:18 Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Matthew 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you...

Psalms 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

3. Come with a _____.

Psalms 25:9 He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

4. Commit to _____.

Psalms 119:33-34 Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees, then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

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