

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 10th January 2016

Going deeper

Psalm 19 is a wonderful poem that talks about God's revelation of himself, both through nature and Scripture. It reminds us of the great privilege we have in being able to read God's word.

Read Psalm 19

5. What do the heavens say and who do they say it too? What can we learn about God from the heavens?
6. Read verses 7-10. Which phrase about God's Word most excites you? (Note: 'law', 'statutes', 'precepts', 'commands', 'decrees' are all different ways of talking about Scripture).
7. What can Scripture do for us that simply looking at God's word can't?
8. How does the Psalmist respond to the privilege of having the Bible? (verses 11-14). What does this suggest about one of the purposes of God's laws and the Bible?
9. How can you make sure that you make the most of the Bible?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

1 Timothy 1:1-11 (page 1191)

Space to take notes on the talk

Why Paul writes _____:

What is the wrong way to _____?

- _____
- _____

What is the right way to _____?

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- _____

Starter question

- ❖ What do you hope to achieve in 2016?

Responding to the talk

1. What was the key thing that you took away from this week's talk?
2. Read 1 Timothy 1:1-2
 - a. How does Paul describe himself and Timothy?
 - b. What qualities of God and Jesus does he emphasise?
 - c. How do you think these initial lines might encourage those in the church in Ephesus to take what Timothy is saying more seriously?
3. Read 1 Timothy 1:3-7
 - a. List everything Paul says about the wrong teaching.
 - b. What does this false teaching fail to do?
 - c. Why is it important that this teaching is stopped?
4. Read 1 Timothy 1:8-11
 - a. Look at the list in verses 9-10 and compare it with the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20). Match some or all of the items in the list with some or all of the commandments.
 - b. Why is the law not for the righteous? (1:9)
 - c. What in the passage tells us that Christians cannot carry on doing any of the things listed or similar things? (1:10-11)

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. How might what we have learnt from this study change the way you approach Bible study?
11. A non-Christian friend says to you that Christianity is all about following a list of rules. How might you respond to their comment?