

BELIEVE WEDNESDAY STUDY GUIDE

Accompanying Study of Robert A Cook's "Now That I Believe"

Bible Study Vision: Abundant Life Church lives in the fullness of The Holy Spirit! We unlock the treasury of Scripture to develop a hunger for Spiritual realities through Biblical education, impartation, and application.

Week Focus: THE WORD OF GOD

Objectives:

1. To understand the necessity for The Word of God in our lives
2. To apply Bible truth to understand what it means to "Eat the Word"
3. To develop a Holy Hunger for the Word

I. What the Bible Does for God's Children:

(Write out each Scripture reference)

A. We Grow by the Word- (1 Peter 2: 2-3)

Note: The KJV uses "sincere" milk- meaning the unmixed; pure Word.

B. We are Changed/Transformed by the Word- (2 Corinthians 3:18)

C. We are Cleansed by the Word-
(Psalm 119:9)

(Ephesians 5:26)

D. We are Kept by the Word- (Psalm 119:11)

E. We Share God's Life through the Word- (John 6:63)

What the Bible Does for God's Children (con't): (Write out each Scripture reference)

F. We Defeat the devil through the Word-

(Ephesians 6:17)-

(Revelation 12:11)-

G. We Win Souls through the preaching of the Word-

(Mark 2:2)-

(Acts 8:25)-

(Acts 13:5)-

H. We base our Faith on the Word and produce faith- (Romans 10:17)

I. Our Eternal Authority is the Word- (Psalm 119:89)

J. Every needed Blessing is in the Word- (2 Peter 1:3-4)

II. 7 Steps to Eating The Word

We've heard it said, "Eat The Word". So how do we "Eat the Word of God?"

Base Scripture: Jeremiah 15:16

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts."

What we eat becomes a part of our life. You are what you eat from your head to your feet!

Whatever man you feed the most...is the man that will grow the most!

7 Steps to Eating The Word:

1. Take your Bible and open to the book you happen to be reading.
2. Get on your knees and ask God in Jesus' name to speak to you from His Word.
3. Read and reread the passage until in the stillness of your heart, God, the Holy Spirit, says something from the Word for you.

Note: Rhema will always agree with Logos- "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any **private** interpretation." – (2 Peter 1:20)

4. Get your notebook or journal and write it down.
5. While still on your knees (Psalm 95:6) in this moment we are just humbling ourselves in spirit and body; pray back to The Lord what He said to your heart. Pray on the basis of God's Word to you, until your very soul is aflame with the message!
6. Arise and put into action that which God has put into your life.
7. Share with someone as soon as possible the blessings you received through "Eating the Word".

III. Where Do I Start?

- A. Pray. Ask the Lord to lead
- B. The Gospel of John- written to lead folk to Christ (John 20:31)
- C. The Book of Acts- tells how the early Church was formed and how normal Church operates, it creates a soul-winning vision in the hearts of those who read it.
- D. The Book of Romans- breaks down in detail the truth of the gospel.

IV. 10 Ways to "Break Open" The Word of God

1. Pray (Psalm 119:18)
2. Look for redemption (Jesus Christ)
 - a. In the Old Testament
 - a. He is depicted or pictured in **Rituals** (The Tabernacle, Levitical Sacrifices)
 - b. He is pictured in **Types** (people who foreshadowed Christ by their lives)
 - c. He is pictured in **Prophetic Truths** (utterances which point directly to either His first or Second Coming)
 - b. In the New Testament
 - a. Matthew- **demonstrates** the coming of an **expected Savior**
 - b. Mark-**depicts** the life of a **powerful Savior**
 - c. Luke- **declares** the grace of a **human Savior**
 - d. John- **describes** the possession of a **personal Savior**

- 3.** Read entire books of the Bible and find their main theme and message
- 4.** Follow individual life stories in the Bible
- 5.** Follow through the development of a Truth or Doctrine.
- 6.** Look for casual references to people---references that give an index to their character.
- 7.** Look for verbs denoting action. After your first read, go back and underscore words that denote action.
- 8.** Read and reread a chapter until you are able to pick out its theme, topic sentence, best verse, and lasting lesson.
- 9.** Find out what it says BEFORE you try to tell what it means!
- 10.** Obey The Word!