

## **Listening to God—The Bible—God’s Supernatural Book Life Group Questions—March 17, 2019**

1. What are your Bible reading habits? What do you find easy or difficult about reading the Bible? What could you do to improve your engagement with God’s Word so as to be more meaningful?
  
2. Read Psalm 1:1-2. The psalmist encourages that the Scriptures be delighted in. What does that mean to you? What might it look like in your life?
  
3. The Word of God also should be meditated upon. That is, it should not just be read but thought about and contemplated deeply. Why is this necessary? What can it accomplish? What do you think “night and day” (Psalm 1:2) means.

The apostle Paul would add that we should let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly . . . (Colossians 3:16). That is, it should find a home in us, be welcomed, lived out and obeyed. Through meditation we consider how we need to respond to the Scriptures. Reading in a quick cursory way doesn’t help us to consider what we should do with the Word in a practical way. How can you better incorporate meditation into your devotional time?

4. The Word of God and prayer very naturally go together. The two complement each other in our relationship with God. Our relationship is based on a dialogue. God speaks to us through his Word and we speak to him through prayer. Prayer can be applied in several different ways: it can prepare our heart to hear from God, be used to ask for understanding of the text as well as its application to our lives. It may also be employed as a means of seeking grace to help in applying the Bible to our lives faithfully. Which of these have you used? Which of these applies most to you currently?

5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Paul says that the Word is useful in telling us what to believe, what to stay away from, what to stop doing and how to live our lives. All of these are to equip us to both be and do what God wants us to do. Here are four applicational categories you can look for. Is there some teaching or doctrine and how does it apply to your life? Is there something you need to refrain from? Has something been identified that you need to change, an attitude or action? Is God directing you to begin to do? You might also consider what you learn about God or Jesus. What impact does that have on your life?

Read Romans 12:9-13. Ask for God’s guidance. Read it carefully. Meditate on its meaning and the application to your life. Share what God is teaching you on it and how you can apply it.

6. Pray Scripture back to God as you respond to his Word. i.e. Father you have said . . . Change my attitude in this area. Help me to do . . . in response to your Word.