CROSSWINDS GOD'S WORD & GOD'S PEOPLE 1 PETER 1:22-2:3



MAIN POINT

The Word of God has the power to grow our love for God and for one another.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

On Sunday, we learned that our generation is the most connected generation, and yet it is also the loneliest. Why do you think that is? Why hasn't social media produced deeper relationships?

What does the Bible say about how we can cultivate meaningful relationships with others? How have you experienced this?

> READ PSALM 19.

What do the heavens say about God (vv. 1-2)? Who has God revealed Himself to through nature (vv. 4-6)?

Why do you think David transitioned from praising God for revealing Himself in nature (vv. 1-6) to praising God for revealing Himself in His Word (vv. 7-14)? Which of these two sources is more reliable in terms of learning who God is?

Make a short list of how David described the Word of God and the benefits we receive from it (vv. 7-10). Which of these is most meaningful to you? Why?

How can God's instructions "make the heart glad?" How might God's commandments give us "insight for life" (v. 8)?

> READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17.

Verse 16 teaches us that all Scripture is God-breathed. Why is the divine inspiration of Scripture important?

Read verses 14-17 and highlight each area of the Bible's usefulness. Many of the uses Paul mentions imply Christians are living in community. Why is studying the Bible essential to developing meaningful relationships in the church?

Why is it essential that we study the Bible if we hope to grow in our love for one another at CrossWinds? How have you seen the Bible impact your relationships?

Read Hebrews 4:12. What does God's Word have the power to do in our lives, according to this passage?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What is one thing that distracts me from daily studying the Word of God? What habit or routine needs to change in order for me to prioritize the personal study of the Word?

What step can I take this week to prioritize studying the Bible with my family? Friends? Church members?

In what areas of my life has Scripture proven profitable? How?

Is there a specific area in which I need direction right now? How can my Life Group pray for me?