

PRAYER

- Ask the Lord for the grace for us to have the craving and the commitment to read the Word of God everyday.

- Pray that we will grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and in faith and love.

- Pray for and encourage each other to read the Bible on a daily and consistent basis.



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Something That Makes me Grow

Week 3

NOTES

CONNECT

- What is one healthy food that you like to eat? Why?
- What dish do you usually eat at home or order in a restaurant?
- What or where is your favorite restaurant? Why?

WORD

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, ¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Isaiah 55:10,11

WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

God wants us to continue to grow strong in our relationship with Him. This happens when we keep on craving for His Word like pure spiritual milk (1 Peter 2:2). God's Word also grows us in wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Jesus (2 Timothy 3:15). What other areas in life would grow in us as we commit to read and study the Bible regularly?

- **Grow in the grace and knowledge of God.**

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

Reading the Bible helps us grow in the grace and knowledge of God. God's Word reveals God's nature, character, and power. Reading the Scriptures convinces us that we can experience more of God's grace, favor, and lovingkindness in our lives. What character of God have you experienced lately?

- **Grow in faith.**

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17, NKJV

Faith results from our encounter with the Word of God. The more we read, meditate, confess, study, and hear His Word, the more we will grow in our faith. Our conviction of the truth is being strengthened when we get established in the Scriptures. And when we have strong biblical beliefs, we will not be easily swayed by humanistic philosophies, false doctrines, and worldly thinking (Ephesians 4:13,14). Tell of a time when your beliefs were tested. What helped you stick to the truth?

- **Grow in love.**

¹⁵Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. ¹⁶From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15,16

As we speak the truth based from God's Word, we will grow in our Christ-likeness and learn how to relate to one another. The Apostle Paul cited an example in 2 Thessalonians 1:3. How we show our love towards our spouse, children, relatives, friends, people in the church and community depends on how we have known and received the love of God (1 John 4:7). How has your experience of God's love helped you relate with others in love?

SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- How convinced are you of the truths and teachings of the Word of God? How is this seen in your lifestyle?
- How would you rate or describe your spiritual growth as a Christian? Describe how you are growing in your knowledge and faith in God's Word so far.
- Who are the people who encourage you to read and obey the Bible? Who are those that you encourage to do the same?

NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- When and where is your regular time and place for reading your Bible? What can help you make it a habit?
- In what areas of your life do you need to grow based on what was discussed today?
- Have you already read the Bible from cover to cover? The following websites can help:
 - www.ewordtoday.com/year/niv1984/c.htm
 - www.bible-reading.com/bible-plan.html
 - www.bibleplan.org/