

Winter School of Truth 2020

Group Guide

Lesson Two—The Bible

Background:

The Bible is rich in blessings and benefits to mankind in general and the believers in particular, but these benefits are often missed because we do not come to the Word of God in the right way. In the New Testament age, many of God's chosen people rejected the Lord Jesus. He always pointed them to the Word of God in the Old Testament, but because they came to the Word in a wrong way and received it only as teachings and not as life, they were not able to gain the benefit from the Bible. The Christians today are similar in that they search the scriptures...but they will not come to Him that they may have life (John 5:39-40). How many divisions have come out of the improper use of the Bible and using the Bible to fight rather than to receive God as life through His word.

Burden to Impart:

In this lesson we are very burdened to inspire the young people to come to the Bible in the right way to receive the Word of God as it truly is—spirit and life (1 Thes. 2:13; John 6:63). In this session we should show the young people how to pray using the Word and how to receive it as life and life supply that they may live. Our young people need help in learning the best way to pray-read the words of the Bible for their daily supply.

Focus:

The burden in this lesson is to show that we must be balanced when we come to the Word of God. We need both a strong and exercised spirit and a sober and clear mind. God has given us two precious things: the Holy Spirit within us and the Holy Bible in our hands. We need to impress the young people that all of their experiences of God, Christ, the Spirit, and life are in oneness with the Bible as the Word of God. We want to help them with these two sides in order to be very balanced.

Points for serving ones to consider

The below points are suggestions that may be useful for the servings ones to prepare for the group time. These points are suggestions to help bring out fellowship concerning the burden of the message. Do not feel you that you need to go through all of them.

1. We want the young people to experience the joy and freshness of touching the Lord through His word with their friends within a group setting. Please form a group of 3 or 4 at most. As a group Pick 1 verse in the OT and 1 verse in the New Testament. Each member of the group should take a turn reading and pray reading the verse audibly (no need to be loud) while others say AMEN at a pause. Please gently encourage the young people to linger on a word or phrase that touched them. No need to compose prayer, just living and fresh.
2. According to Jeremiah 15:16 when we eat God's words, His word becomes our heart's gladness and joy. At the end of pray reading as a group please share your experience. Did you smile? if so, why did you smile? Please ask the young people what touched them.
3. As we read the word daily, we get a rich deposit of the word in us and the Lord speaks to us, comforts us based on this deposit of the word. Please give a specific example of how in 2020 in the midst of the pandemic lockdown, the Lord through the word has supplied you.

READING ASSIGNMENT:

The Bible—The Word of God, lesson 1, Roman I. – IV. (pages 10-11, 11-14)

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