

Core Seminars – Christian Living
Discipling
Week 6 – January 12, 2003

The Importance of Careful Bible Study!

Introduction:

Why are we talking about Spiritual Disciplines?

- **The Centrality of the Discipline of the Word.**
 - The Word's work is all for God's glory

 - Discipling is not about your good counseling.

 - God's Word Creates, Sustains and Secures his people.
 - Creates – Ezek. 37:1-14; Gen. 1:1-2; Rom 4:17
 - Sustains – Pslm. 119:9-16, 25, 28; Rom 4:17
 - Secures – Pslm. 119:152; Rev. 19:11-16; Rom. 4:17

- **The Biblical Call to Study and Apply the Word**

- Some Statistics

- What does the Bible say about God's Word

- Deuteronomy 6:6-9. God's Word should be applied all over our lives!

- Psalm 119:9-16. God's Word makes our ways pure.

- Psalm 119:28. God's Word strengthens us in difficult times.

- Matthew 4:4. We LIVE by God's Word.

- Matthew 7:24-27. If we hear God's Word and act upon it, we build up a firm foundation.

- 2 Timothy 3:16. Scripture is very practically useful in the most important aspects of the Christian life.

- Hebrews 4:12. Through God's Word, we can recognize the sin in our hearts as sin indeed.

- **The Role of Bible Study in Discipling**

- Encourage regular reading of the Bible

- Encourage them to pray through the Bible

- Encourage them to study and meditate

- Encourage inductive Bible study methods

- Encourage proper and careful interpretation

- Encourage Scripture memorization

- Encourage looking to Scripture, NOT TO YOU!

Summary:

- **The Bible is central to the life of a disciple of Jesus.**
- **We should encourage and instruct our Christian friends to look to Scripture regularly for life, for sustenance and for hope.**

Next Week? Encouraging a commitment to prayer?