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Sermon Series Flipped: Form Apathy to Inspiration
Sunday 10th July 2022
Loving the Bible: Psalm 119: 1-8

1. Get into two's and describe your favourite part or passage of the bible and say why you like it and what it has meant in your life.
2. Think back to the testimony of Nicky Gumble that we watched on Sunday (or watch again on the Alpha Film Series number 6 'How and Why should I read the bible' from 21:29 - 24:12) and try and remember when a verse or passage of the bible has really spoken directly to you, or to someone you know.
3. Which parts of the bible do you find more difficult? Remember that to help with contradictions you need to read the passage in the context in which it is written. To understand other difficult passages think of it rather like a crossword puzzle where once you have a few letters you then eventually work out the word. Keep reading and studying and other passages will shine a light on those you don't understand.
4. Read Psalm 119: 1-8 and name all the benefits of studying God's word.
5. Discuss all the kinds of advice/help that you can think of that we receive from the bible.
6. Consider the statement that the bible is all about Jesus. Can you think of passages in the OT that point to/prophecy about the revelation about Jesus? Use a search engine such as google to help!
7. Every time you read the bible expect to encounter Jesus. Expect your heart to burn within you as in Luke 24:27-32. Before reading ask the Holy Spirit to reveal what the Lord wants to say to you that day. Discuss in 2's your bible reading habits and what you use – times of day, places in the house, bible reading 'notes,' or apps etc etc that help you study the scriptures. Share your ideas with the whole group.
8. For those who've been Christians for a while – discuss ways in which you can take time, effort and determination to seek deep spiritual truths and make sure that you're not drinking spiritual 'milk' instead of solid foods.
9. Pray for each other asking the Holy Spirit to give you an insatiable desire to read the word of God, for inspiration to understand it when we find it difficult and the power to live it out to enable God's kingdom to grow within us and our community.

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