

GROWTH GROUP STUDY

GETTING STARTED

Who was your favorite teacher in school and why?

Last time you talked about what it would be like if our church read God's Word in as many places as possible with as many people as possible. *Any follow-up thoughts or stories?*

If you've ever been a part of a Bible-reading group, what did you like about it? What didn't you like?

INTO THE BIBLE

Imagine the excitement the Israelites must have had as they gathered around Ezra to hear the word of God read for the very first time. It is an excitement that few of us have ever experienced because we live with Bibles all around us. The same power that the word of God had back then still existed in Paul's day and still exists today. Read through Nehemiah 8:1-12 and 1 Timothy 4:13, then think through the questions below.

Describe the situation. What was the background of that day? You may need to read back a little or use a study Bible.

Describe the people's response to the reading of God's Word.

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APPLICATION

Why is it still important that we publically read and teach the Bible today?

WEEK 8

Is simply hearing the Bible read or taught enough? Why or why not?

FAMILY STUDY

1 Corinthians 14:13-19

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. 16 Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? 17 For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. 18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.



What stands out to you from these verses?



What questions do you have?



What is an application for your life?

WEEK 8

LEARN

1 Corinthians 13:1-10

v. 8-10 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away

PRAISE & PRAYER

- God's attributes
- God's Word
- God's creation
- Our salvation
- Our missionaries
- Salvation of others
- Pastors and church ministries
- Government and leaders
- Friends and Family