

WEEK 3: FOR TRANSFORMATION, NOT INFORMATION OR BEHAVIORAL MODIFICATION

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

PREPARE

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MAIN POINT

What do we want to happen to us as we read Scripture? Some read the Bible for information, seeking to grab as much knowledge as possible. While we will learn as we read the Scripture, the goal is not merely information, for even the demons know all about God (James 2:19). Some read the Bible for behavioral modification, seeking to get instructions about how to live. While we want to live differently, the goal must not be behavioral modification as Jesus did not equate the desire for a list of rules with someone who was really being changed. The goal of reading the Scripture must be for our hearts to be transformed. As the Word dwells richly among us, we will know more about our faith and we will behave differently—but transformation must be the goal.

LEAN IN BREAK THE ICE

What's a hobby, food, or show you used to hate but now love—or vice versa?

LOOK DOWN LOOK AT GOD'S WORD

Read Colossians 3:16-17

16 Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

17 And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

What is it that is supposed to dwell among you?

What are we supposed to do with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs?

What should be the state of our hearts as we sing praises to God?

**LOOK OUT
IDENTIFY THE
RELEVANCE OF
GOD'S WORD IN
THE WORLD**

In Colossians 3:16 Paul tells us to let the Word of God dwell among us. What does that actually look like in our lives?

Eric talked about the difference between God's Word being a source of "information" versus a source of "transformation." What does the difference between these two look like?

**LOOK IN
APPLY GOD'S
WORD TO YOUR
LIFE**

In his message, Eric talked about how whatever "dwells richly" in you will "radically direct" you. What other than God's Word competes to dwell richly in you and direct you?

What do you want most in life? How does that align with God and what we know about Him in His Word?

What would your life look like if you let God's Word transform you?