

# **LIFE GROUP FALL WEEK 6- From Paper to Practice\_ Truth should Change us**



**Big Idea: We abide in God’s truth when we accept the Bible as our authority, let the Spirit “rub” truth into our lives, and then practice the truth.**

- I. God’s word should be the ultimate authority in our lives, but we often follow false authorities to make decisions. Those false authorities include,**
  - **Culture (everyone else is doing it)**
  - **Tradition (we have always done it that way)**
  - **Reason (it seems logical)**
  - **Emotion (it feels right)**

Which of these 4 false authorities do you think influences your decision making the most? Why? How can you avoid being influenced by that false authority?

- 2. Five important ways to let God’s truth be rubbed into our lives were shared Sunday.**
  - **have a receptive attitude to Scripture**
  - **read the scripture**
  - **study the scripture**
  - **memorize the scripture**
  - **meditate on the scripture.**

**Of these five practices which one do you find most difficult? Why? Which one do you find to be the easiest? Why?**

Read Luke 8:18

*Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”*

**3. When we listen to God’s word we can be receptive or resistant. In the parable of the sower, Jesus points out three resistant attitudes that keep us from receiving God’s truth.**

- The closed mind (hard soil)
- The fickle mind (shallow soil)
- The distracted mind (soil with weeds)

**Which of these attitudes most deters you the most from receiving God’s truth? Why?**

Read James 1:22

*Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says*

**4. Why do you think that James says we deceive ourselves when we do not practice the truth of God’s word? Explain**

Read John 13:17

*Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.*

**5. What benefits have you experienced as a result of doing the word of God?**

**Prayer Focus: Simply spend time asking God that we would abide in His word.**