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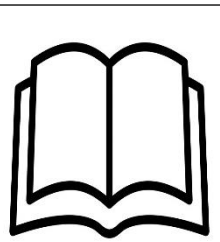
The church I pray you will be…

A church that treasures God's word



God's word written is inspired by Him to reveal who He is and how to live for Him.

Looking for answers

Definition: treasuring God's word shows when its truths are believed as God-given and accepted as authoritative to shape belief and behaviour.

Read 2 Timothy 3: 16-17

1. Why is the Bible authoritative?
2. How does the Bible shape both what to believe and how to behave?

Read James 1:21-21

3. What shows that God's word is treasured?
4. What does God's word accomplish that makes it such a great treasure?

Read Joshua 1:8

5. What is the right response to God's word?
6. Why is this instruction issued?

Read Psalm 119:11, 97 & 105

7. What role should God's word play in the life of a believer?
8. How does God's word enrich the life of the believer?
9. What function does God's word fulfil in everyday life?

Read 2 Timothy 4 & 13

10. What shows that God's word is treasured in church life?

Read Colossians 3:16

11. What role is played by believers to enrich fellow believers in God's word?

Making the life application…

1. God's word is treasured when:
   a. (Psalm 119:65-66) -
   b. (Luke 11:28 & James 1:22) -
   c. (Psalm 119:41-43) –

   Now evaluate how effectively you treasure God's word personally?
2. How do your daily Bible reading habits show you treasure God's word?
   a. What improvements do you need to make?
3. What shows that the Bible is treasured in your church life?
4. How has treasuring God's word shaped your daily life? Share examples.
5. What prevents you from treasuring God's word? And how can you remedy it?

Talking point...

If a stranger visited our church, what would convince them that God's word is treasured? And what evidence is there to prove that God's word has changed lives?

Asking God for help…

Dear Lord, help us to be shaped profoundly by Your word every day as we believe and obey its truths. Use us to teach one another Your word so that we can all grow up into maturity to resemble a greater likeness to Jesus. Amen.