

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Hebrews 4.12, 13 // January 3, 2021

THE LIVING WORD

God's Word is alive because Jesus is alive. It is not just words *about* Jesus, but it is His actual Word. Because of this, it is able to divide between soul and spirit. We need this kind of scalpel going to work in our hearts because our hearts so easily deceive us. We need this living and active Word to change us.

John 17.17 // Romans 12.1, 2

The first great and primary business to which I ought to attend every day was, to have my soul happy in the Lord.

-George Muller

IT DISCERNS OUR THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS

If we are to truly live and be as Chris followers ought to, we need to actively be digging out the rotten roots of *our* word and replace it with *God's* Word. Rather than speaking harshly towards or about others, we ought not simply just remain quiet (though that is a great first step!), we ought to be speaking kindness and blessing toward and about them.

Colossians 3.5-17

We must immerse ourselves in the water of the Word if we hope to have real change. Like an ESL student, we need to immerse ourselves in the "language" of Scripture if we want to start acting, talking, and thinking like Jesus, rather than in our native tongue of complaint, gossip, and malice.

A disciple is someone who is growing in and giving out God's grace.

ALL ARE NAKED AND EXPOSED

We ought to be fearful not only of what the Lord says, but we should also be fearful of what we say. We must give an account for every idle, careless word we utter. That should stop us in our tracks and cause us to want to change immediately. This is why we need God's Word to train us, equip us, confront us, and transform us. It is to be our guide, our light, our path, and our strength.

Matthew 12.36, 37 // Psalm 141.3 // 2 Timothy 3.16, 17

Seek to follow your guide, which is the Word of God.

-Jonathan Edwards

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Proverbs 27:17

Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Hebrews 4.12, 13**. What stands out in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday?

What areas of your thoughts and speech don't reflect the thoughts and speech of Christ as much or as consistently as you would like? What can and should you do in order to see change? Will you do it?

Your Life Mission

As we head into 2021, there are many who are looking for hope for a better year, but this is not guaranteed. But we do have hope to give. Which relationships or get-togethers might be in your future that you would like prayer for, to help them hopefully see their need for the Prince of Peace in their lives?

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Pray for these people you have mentioned and for your heart and plan as you pursue them in love.

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision**
 - Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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