

Connect Group notes 23 Feb 2026

'READ THE BOOK, DONT WAIT FOR THE MOVIE'

Don continued his series about the Bible on Sunday.

He spoke to us about the impact the scriptures are intended to have in, and on, our lives.

Hearing and doing God's word is what distinguishes us as disciples of Jesus.

Derek Prince commented that;

"Your attitude towards God's word is your attitude towards God Himself. You do not love God more than you love His word. You do not have more room in your heart and life for God than you have for His Word."

1. God's word provides us an objective standard by which we discern truth from error. What we hear is important..
 - Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 and Galatians 1:8-9
 - How does this help us discern the truth when we receive prophecy, words of knowledge or dreams for example?
 - How does scripture help us to discern a deliverer of 'truth'?

2. The scriptures produce and build faith. How we hear is also important.....
 - Red Hebrews 11:6
 - Why is it vital that we come to the scriptures with an attitude of belief/faith and meekness/humility?
 - How has our faith been activated through reading scripture?

3. The scriptures produce in us the experience of being 'born again'
'The integrity of our heart is developed by the word in our heart'
- Read James 1:18 and 1 Peter 1:23
 - Share as a group your experiences of how God's word has brought 'life' – as a comfort, reminder, encouragement or rebuke?
 - How does the word keep us from sin?
 - Why is it important for us to think of the word as nourishment in our spiritual growth? (like food for our physical growth through different stages of life).
 - How can we use the word as an offensive weapon in spiritual warfare? Share personally as comfortable.

God's word...

Creates faith

Is powerful to lead us into the new birth

Provides spiritual nourishment

Brings healing at every level of our being

Gives illumination and wisdom

Brings cleansing and sanctification

Is a powerful weapon in spiritual warfare