Session 1: Treasuring the Word

The Gift of Divine Revelation: God Allowing Us to See Him and Know Him

Creation: The Work of God's Hands Proclaiming Who He is to Mankind

- Psalm 19: 1 The Heavens declare the glory of God, the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
- Romans 1: 19-20 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes namely, his eternal power and devine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world.

Jesus Christ: The Culminating and Perfect Expression of God

- Hebrews 1:3 "Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days **He has spoken to us by his Son**, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and **the exact imprint of his nature.**"
- John 1: 1 "In the beginning was **the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word** was God. "
- Colossians 1: 15 "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation."
- Revelation 19: "His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is **The Word of God.**"

The Written Word: God's Voice Heard through Divine Revelation and Written Down by Human Authors Through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

- The 66 books of the Bible making up the Old and New Testament written by approximately 40 human authors over the span of 1500 years.
- Inspired by God, Authoritative for all of mankind and without error
- Written ages ago but holds transcendent truths that stand forever and are for every single generation.
- 2 Timothy 3: 16 "All scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

The Study of the Word of God: An Act of Worship that Ignites My Worship

God Reveals Himself and Extends an Invitation to Seek Him

As I grow in love for HIm, I cannot help but worship Him!

WORSHIP

I seek Him in His word as an act of worship

LOVE

KNOW

As I grow in knowing Him, I love Him more - to know Him is to love Him. I grow in knowing Him, as a result of seeking Him in His word.

Notes:

Psalm 1: The Way of the Righteous and the Wicked

1 Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

Notes:

Scripture Meditation and Prayer Prompts:

- Read Psalm 19 and Psalm 119. Mark and consider all of the benefits of the word of God listed in these Psalms. Ask God to give you a fresh and deeper desire to seek Him in His word. He is a Creator and as we position ourselves in faith by opening His word, He can create in us a deep hunger for Him through His word.
- Psalm 119 mentions seeking God with our "whole" heart. Ask the Lord if you've been seeking Him with your "whole" heart or just a fraction of your heart.
- What season of life are you currently in? Ask God to give you creativity in how to regularly get into His word in this season. Ask Him to show you pockets of time to read, listen to the audio Bible or meditate on the Word.
- Read Psalm 29: 3-9. Think and meditate on the power of the "Voice of the Lord." This is the voice that wants to speak His word directly into your being by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of transforming you to look like Him.
- Consider the tree described in Psalm 1. The tree overflowed with life for the benefit of others because it was both planted and near a stream. The "Blessed man" was likened to the tree because he was "planted" in the ways of God by way of meditating on and delighting in God's law, His word and His way. Have you positioned yourself for God to cause you to overflow with His life in a way that impacts those around you?

