



DISCUSSION GUIDE

Formed through Scripture

GETTING STARTED

What is one thing you are thankful for this week and what is one thing we can pray for you this week?

In what ways have you been formed by others? (e.g. coaches, teachers, parent, mentor)? In what way have they impacted you?

QUICK REACTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

How would you summarize/paraphrase the message in your own words?

What point/idea resonated most with you? Why?

What idea, context, Scripture do you think could have been expanded on, or included in the message?

Dave said, you are either being formed by Scripture, or by someone or something else.

* What do you think he meant by that statement?

* Agree or Disagree? Why?

In the message today, Dave mentioned three ways Scripture forms Christ in us...

1. It transforms us
2. It is beneficial to us
3. It satisfies us

In what way has reading and applying Scripture accomplished those things in your life?

Why is it important for us to understand that Scripture is not an end, but the means by which we are formed in Christ?

EXPLORE THREE PASSAGES [Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; and 2 Corinthians 10:5]

(Yes, these questions can seem silly, however, good discussion and interpretation of the Bible begins with having a proper understanding of the basic facts; who, what, when, and where in the text.) Work through this quickly, the answers are fairly obvious.

Hebrews 4:12—

What is God's word?

What is the function of God's word?

How does God's word "cut" between soul and spirit?

In what ways does God's word expose our innermost thoughts and desires?

2 Timothy 3:16-17—

What is the significance that Paul says that the Word is God breathed?

In what way is that concept connected with the idea that God's word is alive and powerful?

How is God's word useful?

What is the purpose of God's word in our life?

In what way are you equipped to do every good work? What does that look like for you?

2 Corinthians 10:5—

How did the spiritual warfare that Paul fought, and the spiritual weapons that he used, differ from ordinary warfare and weapons? (10:3-4)

What did Paul want to demolish? How?

What did Paul take captive?

How have you seen Scripture be a weapon for good in your life?

Why do our thoughts need to be "taken captive"?

What would it mean for you to make your thoughts obedient to Christ?

APPLY THE PASSAGE

What do we learn about God and about ourselves in these passages?

What do you need to stop, start or do differently as a result of reading these passages?

How can we pray for each other?