Face to Face: Word - Sermon Guide

Pastor Jimmy Seibert - March 3rd Service

Introduction

Pastor Jimmy Seibert delivered a powerful message about the transformative power of God's Word when we allow it to move from our head to our heart and then to our behavior. This sermon continues the church's 40-day journey of seeking God daily, emphasizing how meditation on Scripture brings lasting change in our lives. The following guide will help you reflect on and apply these vital truths.

This sermon emphasizes:

- God's Word is God's revelation of Himself, not just information
- The Bible is God-breathed through the Holy Spirit
- Scripture is authoritative in all things and for all times
- The Word of God is living and active, accomplishing God's purposes
- God's Word is meant to be obeyed, not just known
- True transformation happens when Scripture moves from our head to our heart to our behavior
- Meditation on Scripture helps dislodge lies and establish God's truth
- Community is essential for properly understanding and applying Scripture

Key Scriptures:

"Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another..." — Colossians 3:16

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it..." — Joshua 1:8

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit..." — Hebrews 4:12

"Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice... do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." — Romans 12:1-2

"How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word." — Psalm 119:9-11

Starter Questions:

- What is something God is doing in your devotional life this week through His Word?
- Break up into 2's and 3's and ask each other:
 - How are you incorporating Scripture into your daily life?
 - Are you seeing transformation as the Word moves from your head to your heart?
 - o How can we help each other engage more deeply with God's Word?

Additional Questions:

- 1. Pastor Jimmy described five key attributes of God's Word (God's revelation, God-breathed, authoritative, living and active, to be obeyed). Which of these aspects challenges you the most right now, and why?
- 2. What are some lies you've believed that God's Word has helped to dislodge? Share a Scripture that has been particularly transformative for you.
- 3. How do you currently practice meditation on Scripture? What practical steps could you take to move God's Word from your head to your heart?
- 4. Pastor Jimmy shared how Psalm 139:13-18 transformed his understanding of his own value. Is there a Scripture passage that has similarly reshaped your identity or understanding of God?
- 5. What specific area of your life needs to be brought under the authority of God's Word right now? What Scripture speaks to this area?
- 6. How has reading Scripture in community helped you understand God's Word better? Share an example of how others' insights have enriched your understanding.
- 7. Pastor Jimmy described how meditating on 1 Peter 3:7-9 transformed his marriage over time. What relationship in your life could benefit from intentional application of specific Scriptures?
- 8. What's the difference between knowing Scripture and allowing it to transform your heart and behavior? Where do you see this disconnect in your own life?
- 9. How might regular meditation on God's Word change your response to temptation, conflict, or difficult circumstances?