



# Sermon Notes and Study Questions

## Seismic Shifts: From Snacking to Feasting

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1 Timothy 3:16-17

<sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:22-25

### Notes:

Introduction: Communicating love is a tricky enterprise

Why does God give us a written message of love?

When it comes to our most important relationship, our most important decision, and our eternal destiny, we want Truth, with a capital "T".

How do we get to enjoy this rich feast?

- Plan on having a meal a day
- Ask God to meet you in Scripture and ask for His help in digesting the message – reading the Bible is a spiritual issue.
- Talk about what you're reading and be honest with God and with others
- Take on verse that sticks out to you and chew on it for the rest of the day
- Pay attention to your heart
- Be willing to wrestle and work at understanding the Bible

Conclusion

## Discussion Questions:

1. Share with your Life Group about a time when you had a tangible experience of God's presence and love through reading or hearing His word?
2. Ralph shared that there are times in life when you want Truth with a capital "T". When have most recently experienced the desire to know the Truth about something and why?
3. Read 1 Timothy 3:16-17. What are some of the specific kinds of work that God wants to do in our lives through the power of his Word and how have you experienced these in the past month?
4. There were a number of different suggestions given on how to feast on God's word, what spoke to you? Are there any where you have questions or concerns?
5. Read John 5:39-40 and 2 Corinthians 3:12-17. How do these verses help remind us that Scripture reading is a spiritual issue and the condition of our hearts can impact our ability to understand God's word?
6. What do you think are some of the dangers of reading the Bible just to accumulate knowledge or support a personal position?
7. Share with your Life Group a passage of Scripture that has sunk into your heart and made an impact on your life.
8. What do you think are some important lessons in becoming not only a hearer but a doer of God's word? What are the biggest challenges that face a disciple who really wants to be obedient to Scripture?
9. What has been the most challenging part of learning to be a good reader of the Bible? What has most helped you grow in understanding God's word?
10. What do you think God is hoping that you will take away from this study of His Word?
11. How can we pray and encourage one another to run with perseverance the race marked out for us?