

Life Group Notes - Part 5 How to be blessed by Scripture (or how to be use and benefit from reading the bible)

Do you think that the blessing of the Old Testament are the same as/different from that of the New Testament?

In todays world with so much information available in written form and on line, does anyone really need to learn anything or is it perfectly OK to simply know how to look stuff up?

Do you agree with the view that although we seem to have more and more information available to us, we actually know less and less in any depth?

What do you think of much of todays political debate? Is it helpful in forming balanced opinions or does it tend to fuel entrenched positions and prejudices. How can we influence things for the better?

How do you feel about Christian pressure groups and organisations seeking to press their agenda on a largely non-Christian society?

How do you think Christianity is seen by society at large and what can we do to improve that perspective?

How often do you take time on your own to read or study scripture. How do you prepare (if at all), or do you simply begin?

It is often said that as we get older we find it harder to take on new ideas or change our old ones. Do you agree or not? How do you think we can encourage each other to keep on learning, and remaining open minded?

Studying scripture - human perspiration or divine inspiration? What part does each play?

How many different versions or translations does the group have between you? Do you think it helps or hinders to read scripture in a number of versions? Do you ever read scripture aloud when you are on your own? Do you find the idea helpful or otherwise?

"Spiritual maturity isnt about knowledge its about character". Do you agree? Are we doing enough to develop ourselves in these areas? What else could you do individually and as a group to put our Christian faith into practice?