
Quotes from Today's Sermon

- The good news is that God's image is being restored. God redeems his children through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus so that they can be "conformed to the image of his Son" (Rom. 8:29), who is the "image of the invisible God" (Col. 1:15). Paul says that fellow Christians have a new nature, "which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Col. 3:10). And while here on earth, we "are being transformed" into Christ's image "from one degree of glory to another" (2 Cor. 3:18). - Wayne A. Grudem
- What is the Bible? It is your greatest earthly treasure. You will stand in strength, and grow in Christ, and walk in joy, and bless this world no further than you know this book. - Dane C. Ortlund
- The vigor of our spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place held by the Bible in our life and thoughts. - George Müller
- There are two main approaches to translation: the *formal* approach (sometimes labeled "literal" or "word-for-word") and the *functional* approach (often called "idiomatic" or "thought-for-thought"). In reality, no translation is entirely formal or entirely functional. Since source and receptor languages differ, all translations will have at least some formal features and some functional features. - J. Scott Duvall & J. Daniel Hays
- It is a remarkable thing that we have Bibles we can read personally, whenever we want. For most of church history, and still today in many places in the world, Christians have not had their own personal copies of the Bible... But now, with printed Bibles and electronic options galore, we have priceless access to God's very words to us, words that we are so tragically tempted to take lightly. Reading your own copy of the Bible daily is not a law that every believer must abide; most Christians have not had this option. But the habit of daily Bible reading can be a marvelous means of God's grace. Why miss this bounty and blessing? - David C. Mathis
- We were made to meditate. God designed us with the capacity to pause and ponder. He means for us to not just hear him, not only to read quickly over what he says, but to reflect on what he says and knead it into our hearts. - David C. Mathis

Discussion Questions based on Today's Sermon

- 1) How, where, and when do you engage with the Bible in your everyday life?
- 2) Why is the Bible an indispensable treasure and resource for the God-Centered Life?
- 3) Do you have a favorite Bible translation? If so, what is it? Why do you prefer it?
- 4) Do you have an intentional method of reading or studying the Bible? If so, what is it?
- 5) How have you seen the Word of God function in the four different ways mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:16?
- 6) How have you seen the Word of God be "living and active" (Hebrews 4:12) in the life and ministry of the church?
- 7) Have you ever been "cut to the quick" by the Word of God? Are there any passages of Scripture that really convict you or encourage you?
- 8) Practically, how can we persevere in our obedience to God and thereby be "doers of the word" (James 1:22)?