

MESSAGE STUDY GUIDE GROUP MATERIAL SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Ephesians 6:10-17

Sermon Summary:

This week we will do an intense dive into what it can look like for a follower of Jesus to **TAKE** the word of God (Eph. 6:17). In today's age it's easy to get caught in the trap of being very superficial. We have superficial social media connections, we interact with important news events quite superficially because the news shifts to something else so quickly, and many of our real relationships can be reduced to being superficial as the pace and hurry of life doesn't allow us to really spend quality time with our loved ones.

In order to stand and resist in our evil day, Paul tells us to **TAKE** the word of God! No one else can do this for us. Either we do it, or it just doesn't happen. In this message we explore 5 ways to **TAKE** God's word into ourselves: hearing it, reading it, memorizing it, studying it and meditating on it. Our prayer for you is that this message will not end once our time together is done. Our hope is that you will begin a new journey or revive an old one to engage with God through his word. In doing so you will arm yourself to resist the devil's attacks by putting on God's armor.

Discussion:

- 1. How does rush/hurry in your life cause you to be more superficial with God & others?
- 2. Ephesians 5:25b~26 say that we are being cleansed by the water in God's word. How do you find God's word washes you? Talk about the effect is has on you & your day.
- 3. How does hearing God's word spoken help you? How can you apply what you hear?
- 4. Have you ever tried memorizing God's word? If so, how did it go? Try it again and see the effects that happen to you.

5. Have you ever meditated on God's word? How did you do it? Were there any hurdles you encountered as you did it? What effect did meditation have on you?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for each of us engaging more with God through his word and trying news ways to do that.
- Pray for any needs of people in your group.