

Rule of Life: Prayer and Scripture

Exploring Jesus' Model

Introduction

Welcome to week two of our series on the Rule of Life; the “conscious, intentional plan to keep God at the centre of everything” as Peter Scazzero describes it. This week we are looking at Prayer and Scripture but more specifically, how Jesus modelled a life that used prayer and Scripture to keep God central. Before we dig into the message from Sunday remember to get started with a Rule or to revisit your Rule on the information sheets on our church website under ‘Walking with God’. Check out the resources on the website too!

Sunday's message was a quick overview of the importance of prayer and Scripture in strengthening our relationship with God. The Gospels reveal Jesus as having a confident grasp of the Hebrew Scriptures. How much of Jesus' knowledge of God was wisdom from study and how much was inspiration by the Holy Spirit? Growing up in a Jewish family, He would have been exposed to teaching from the Torah from an early age and Luke 2 (v40 + 52) point to a progression in His development.

Exploration

Read the verses above and imagine what Jesus' upbringing in a Jewish household might have meant for how He "grew in favour with God and Man"?

When did you begin to explore the Bible and how has it shaped your life? What Bible verses or truths have had a significant impact on you?

Through reading the Bible we get to know God's love, God's leanings, and God's language. Do you agree with this? How does that equip us for engaging with God in our everyday life?

Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

On Sunday, David used an illustration of a backpack, representing the mind and all that it can be filled with for God to use. What are you filling your mind with, what are you meditating on regularly and how equipped do you feel for “every good work” as a result?

Read: John 14:23-26

In what ways have you known God, through the Holy Spirit, reminding you of the things He has said?

The Teachers of the Law were amazed at Jesus' authority in speaking, not just His knowledge. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in ensuring our knowledge of Scripture doesn't block our relationship with God and His people?

In what specific way are you going to be more intentional about your engagement with God through prayer and Scripture?