

How Hungry are You?

R.E.A.L. - Week 6 (1-15-25)

John 14:22-24

I. A Hunger for God and His Word

A. Seek first His kingdom - Matt. 6:33

1. What does “first” mean?
2. God desires to provide the things that we need instead of us striving to provide for ourselves.

B. Hunger for God’s Word

1. 1 Peter 1:22-2:3

a) How do we cultivate a hunger for God’s Word?

(1) Our spirits and souls are hungry just like our physical body. We just have to learn to feed it the right things that have the proper nutrition.

(2) Psalm 63

(a) When our soul has gotten a taste of the richly nutritious presence and word of God it will crave it more and more.

i) The key is recognizing the value of time in His presence and Word to begin with. - Verse 6-7

ii) We are constantly making decisions throughout the day and those decisions reveal what we value.

(1) If we really believe that time in the word and in God’s presence is valuable then we will make time for it.

2. “What does the Word say?”

II. More than just knowledge

A. The christian walk should be much more experiential than many of us are trying to make it.

1. Just head knowledge isn’t going to cut it anymore.

a) Psalm 34:8 (TPT) - “Drink deeply of the pleasures of this God. Experience for yourself the joyous mercies he gives to all who turn to hide themselves in him.”

(1) God doesn’t just want us to know about Him. He wants us to know and experience Him for our selves.

(a) It’s not as complicated as we like to think it is!

B. Prayer/fasting is a very real way to practice experiencing God and His Word.

1. Why did Jesus need to fast and pray?

III. From Knowledge to experience in wielding the Word of God.

A. The Sower sows the Word - Mark 4:14-20

B. Information —————> Revelation —————> Application —————> Activation

1. **Information** - The surface level, mental ascent of the truth. (Seed being scattered)

2. **Revelation** - Deeper understanding of the truth being revealed by the Holy Spirit. (The seed is able to take root - the hearer receives the word with gladness)

a) The Word is able to get deep inside of us and become established by taking root.

- b) This process is the start of us being one with the Word of God.
- 3. **Application** - Opportunities arise to trust in, uproot, or neglect this deeper revelation from Holy Spirit. (Affliction and persecution arises for the Word's sake or we fail to tend to the seed.)
 - a) This is the time when we have done all that we can to stand and need to stand some more. We have a decision to make.
- 4. **Activation** - We choose to continue to trust in this deeper revelation even when circumstances seem contrary. Fruit is birthed from an anchoring in the revelation. Faith in this truth has matured. (Good ground hears the word, receives it, and brings forth fruit.)
- 5. Example:
 - a) Information - The woman with issue of blood hears about Jesus.
 - b) Revelation - Holy Spirit shows her that His power is available for her healing as well.
 - c) Application - She must overcome difficulties in order to get in contact with His healing power.
 - d) Activation - She does what is necessary to receive what she believes is available to her, and her healing manifests.

Isaiah 55:1-3