

Abide

The Power and Beauty of God's Word

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: How have the words of your parents or caretakers helped to protect, preserve or promote life?

READ: John 5:19-29

FOCUS: Jesus' words give life, so we must hear them and honor them.

OBSERVE:

Jesus' words give two kinds of life:

- The first is an energizing and satisfying quality of life. God's word brings truth and feeds us spiritually just as food provides physical nourishment (Job 23:12).
- The second is a quantity of life that is rooted in living forever in a relationship with the Heavenly Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. This is the eternal life we can enjoy through unity with God by believing in His son. At the second coming of Christ, there will be a physical resurrection of the dead as well as a time of judgment. God is the ultimate judge who judges every person based on whether they received Him and His word.

How should we respond?

- We can hear Jesus by reading the Bible. When we engage the Bible, we can experience the life God designed for us despite our external circumstances.
- We can honor Jesus by giving Him and His word the highest value in our lives.
- We also honor Him by praying and reflecting on our actions, desiring to make decisions out of love and honor for our Savior.

REFLECT:

- Take a moment to think about your life up to this point. Are Jesus and His words at the center of your life and your decisions?
- What are some distractions or other attractions that prevent you from hearing and honoring Jesus' word?

TAKE ACTION:

- We encourage you to decide to start a Bible reading plan this new year and ask your Christian friends how they are going to be studying the Bible this year.
- If you are not already involved in a Life Group at King's Park, this spring semester is the perfect time to begin! In Life Groups, we grow deeper as a church community and learn to study the Bible as we connect with one another. Determine in your heart to join other believers in studying God's word.

PRAY: *Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for Your life-giving words. Please help us to live a life worthy of honoring You. In Jesus' name, amen.*