

Participants Homework Guide

For the week of May 12, 2019

Main Idea: The Christian Life is not an automatic process. We need to give effort.

Top 3 takeaways from the message today?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Key Questions:

- Read Acts 2:1-41 Write down the highlights of the beginning of the Ekklesia (Church)? What took you by surprise?
- Read Acts 2:42-47. How would you define "Devoted"?
- Read John 14:26, 16:13. They were devoted to the Apostles teachings. What do you think that means?
- Read 2 Corinthians 11:3. What was Paul's concern? Agree or disagree with this statement, "The Christian Life is not an automatic process. We need to give effort." What do you think this means to us today?
- Do you agree or disagree with the illustration of "Don't feed the Bears."
In the Yosemite and Yellowstone Park's there are signs that say, "Do not feed the bears". Most people think the signs are to protect people. The signs are to protect the Bears. If they depend upon the tourists for food, then in the fall, they starve to death. Every year the Rangers have to remove the dead carcasses of bears who were so dependent upon the Tourists for food that they forgot how to find food for themselves.
If we don't feed on the Word ourselves, we wind up like the Bears, dependent upon pastors, teachers, podcasts, or TV preachers for "food" and we spiritually starve to death.
God has given us his Word, and yet many of us only pretend to have an interest in it. Think about that! The Sovereign Lord has spoken to us and we are so distracted we cannot give Him our attention.
- Read Matthew 4:4, John 17:17. How do you become devoted to learning about Jesus?

NEXT STEPS:

1. For the next week secure a time during the day where you spend 15 minutes reading the Gospel of Mark.
2. Pray for wisdom to understand God's word.
3. Write down what you have learned about Jesus.

- PRAYER REQUESTS