

Receive the TXT

ICEBREAKER: Can you remember a time when you received a message from someone that was really significant? What happened?

1. Know it's from God.

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV*

DISCUSSION: Do you have trouble believing that the Bible is God's Word for us today? Why or why not?

DISCUSSION: How has the Bible helped you grow since becoming a Christian?

2. Make a commitment to read and study.

Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law — the blessings and the curses — just as it is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read to the whole assembly of Israel, including the women and children, and the aliens who lived among them. Joshua 8:34 NIV

DISCUSSION: Are you happy with your amount of Bible study? In what way would you like to improve?

DISCUSSION: What type of realistic commitment are you willing to MAKE and KEEP?

Why don't we read?

Fake Reasons

Don't have time

Not a good reader

Don't understand what we're reading

Overwhelmed at what I'm reading

That's the pastor's job

I already know the story/Read it before

I'm reading Christian books

It's not relevant

It's full of errors

Real Reasons

Too busy with other things

Don't prioritize God

Don't want conviction to change

We avoid pain

We are unwilling to submit

3. When we don't read scripture, it's like pressing the delete key.

2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 34-35

DISCUSSION: In what way are you hitting the delete button?

DISCUSSION: If you have time, read through the story in ONE of the books to yourself and try to identify with one of the characters in the story. Then come back together and talk about why you identify with them. Be honest and don't just assume that you are King Josiah.

PRAYER PROJECT: Spend 5-7 minutes alone asking God to show why you haven't prioritized His Word. Ask Him what kind of commitments He would like you to make regarding reading and studying His Word. Come back together and talk about how you can help each other fulfill these commitments.