

REPLY TO THE TXT

1. Avoid the problem of knowledge addiction

Matthew 7:21-27

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. **JAMES 3:13-18 NIV**

DISCUSSION: How have you struggled with knowledge addiction in regards to scripture?
(**Leader's Note:** This could be based on the type of church they grew up in and some of them may not know that they "have it")

DISCUSSION: What would Jesus' ministry have been like if he was all knowledge without the compassion? What part of your life is too much knowledge and not enough action?

2. Jesus is the primary Word of God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **JOHN 1:1-5, 14 NIV**

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. **REVELATION 19:11-13 NIV**

DISCUSSION: Is it hard to see Jesus as the Word? Why?

DISCUSSION: Have you ever personally witnessed someone's life radically transformed through the word of God? Have you seen the Bible in action to heal, change, and/or transform another's life? What about your life? If not, are you reading your Bible?

The Bible is the testimony about the Word.

3. Through Scripture we can have a personal relationship with Jesus

2 Peter 3: 14-18

DISCUSSION: How can you deepen your relationship with Jesus more by reading scripture?
(**Leader's Note:** Try and get them to not equate time spent reading with time spent with God, we are looking for what actually takes place in the relationship, there are plenty of people who read the Bible and don't have a relationship with Jesus)

4. Responding to the TXT is Worshiping God

Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." **JOHN 4:21-24 NIV**

DISCUSSION: What are some ways you can worship God this week by obeying His Word? Does viewing it as worship instead of just avoiding or doing something make it more motivating? Why?

If we receive the TXT from God by looking at the TXT, listening to others, and living it out, then we will be in a constant relationship & continual worship of God.

PRAYER PROJECT: Spend 5-7 minutes with God and ask Him to reveal to you the truth about how you view scripture, His Word. Ask Him to help you see Him in it and to show you how to worship Him as He wants to be worshipped through a life of obedience to His Word.