

Basic Training

Bible Study



Fighting Words

Defence Christian Network
Handy Bible Study for you or a group

Salvation

Romans 5:8-9

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

What is *surprising* about God's love for us?

How does Christ's blood justify us?

How can we be justified now and saved later?

How does justification give us hope and confidence in life?

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Trust and Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

In what way is salvation an act of grace?

How do faith, works and salvation fit together?

God has saved us *from* and *for* what?

How do you feel about not being able to save yourself?

Bible

2 Timothy 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

What does it mean that all scripture is 'God-breathed'?

How do our experiences, traditions and reason fit with the bible?

How does the bible rebuke, correct and train us?

In what different ways do you go about reading and studying the Bible?

Prayer

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

What are some of the pressures in your life?

How is prayer a solution to anxiety?

How does thanksgiving fit into prayer?

In what way can prayer become a part of your life? (ie in every situation)

Connect

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

What motivates us to meet together with other Christians?

Why is being a “lone ranger Christian” dangerous?

Can you identify things that make it hard to connect with other Christians?

In what ways can we spur one another on?

Engage

Colossians 4:5-6

Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

What are the challenges in talking to people who don't believe?

What does it mean to have 'salty, grace filled' conversations?

Why is how we say something as important as what we say?

How can our living and speaking lead to God conversations?

Living Love

John 13:34-35

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also are to love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

What empowers us to love others?

How is our image of love distorted by the way the word 'love' is used today?

Why is love more powerful than rules (in driving our behaviour)?

In what ways can you love:

- a. people around you?
- b. others in your church / Christian community?
- c. People in need who you may not know?