

Laying the Groundwork to be the People of God – WEEK FOUR

4-week video series to prepare us as followers of Jesus to live as God's people

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Summary of Video Teaching

The Preparation to Live as God's People (Acts 1:15-26)

1. **Immerse yourself in Scripture** – *We must read the bible over and over, digging deep and asking questions. When we do, we will continually find new treasures.*
2. **Expect Scripture to be fulfilled in you** – *It's not enough to just know the scriptures—we must believe they will be fulfilled in our experience. We need to hear the word and then put it into practice.*
3. **Pray for God's guidance** – *We need God to show us how to proceed—the “next steps.” There is a big difference between answers and guidance.*

Video Discussion Questions

- Bible study and prayer are two preparatory steps for living as God's people – which is easier for you to do individually? Why? Which one is easier for you to do in a group setting? Why?
- How might you be able to grow in your individual Bible study and prayer?

Additional Questions for Further Discussion

- What are some practical things you can do to become “immersed” in the scripture? (e.g. Consider the following every time you read the bible: Is there a truth for me to believe? Is there a command for me to obey? Is there a sin for me to forsake? Is there a promise for me to claim? How might this approach change how you read the Bible?)
- How does God guide us and show us the “next step?” How is seeing the next step different from knowing the final destination/getting answers?

Prayer Time Suggestions

- Take time to share personal needs for guidance and then pray for one another—for God to show us the “next step” and for us to hear/perceive what He is saying.
- Pray for people who need grace to read the bible *and* to dig in the bible—reading it *over and over*.