



Ground Rules

1. Philippians 4:10-13

Context: Paul was in financial need as he served God in Evangelism and church planting

Teaching: _____ is possible whether in need or not

Application: I can do all this (_____ w/ contentment) through him who gives me strength

Principle: I too can _____ God / do God's work in whatever circumstances He places me into. (Also consider Joseph, the apostles, Missionaries, etc.)

- Today's application:
- a. I can trust God's Word when it makes me _____ (trust it's truth, reliability, good will, teaching)
 - b. I can _____ and _____ as I understand the hard things we will study.

2. Hebrews 4:12

- Teaching:
- a. "The Bible is alive and active" (_____, moving forward)
 - b. Sharp (effective, _____, and _____)
 - c. Penetrating (gets deep, challenges, goes for the _____)

Application: God's word is the _____ to my growth, maturity, and holiness

- Today's application:
- a. God's word speaks to my _____ situation in ways it did not speak to my former situation.
 - b. There is always something _____ to learn and/or apply when we take a second, third, fourth look at a passage.
 - c. We should _____ to be challenged and/or accused

3. Romans 12:2

- Teaching:
- a. The world offers you a _____, ineffective, immoral, and _____ way of thinking and living.
 - b. Without God's voice, you will _____ to the world's perspective and lifestyle.
 - c. We _____ see God's workings when we are thinking God's thoughts

Application: You will be in a better place, right _____ in _____ life, when you pay more attention to God than the world around you. Exponentially.

- Today's Application:
- a. I _____ need to change and/or fix the way I think
 - b. I can _____ use a tune up, or upgrade in my thinking
 - c. If I'm not proactive, I will begin to _____ spiritually

Sermon Series Ground Rules:

1. _____ will not plan any sermon with any person or group of people in mind. I never have, and I won't start now.
2. _____ will not assume or conclude that I am giving a sermon just for you, or that you are a target. You never have been, and you never will.
3. _____ will allow the Holy Spirit to direct his sermons in any direction that is based on scripture, regardless where it takes him.
4. _____, will allow the Holy Spirit to speak into our hearts, in any direction that is based on scripture, regardless of where it takes us.
5. Together, _____ will let God be in charge, give us truth, and convict our hearts.
6. All of us will guard our hearts, so that we are only examining _____, and not the hearts or actions of our neighbors.
7. I not only expect, but welcome:
 - a. God's plan to speak to me in _____ and different ways than he has in the past
 - b. God's challenge to _____ I have mistakenly believed, and wrong actions that followed
 - c. God's truth to be discovered in areas that are _____ to talk about and/or engage with