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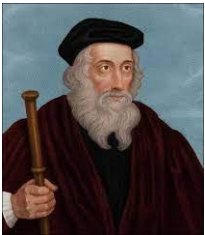
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Psalm 119:11

[11] I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Sermon Outline:

Life Group Leader Notes:



John Wycliffe (1328-1384)

"The gospel alone is sufficient to rule the lives of Christians everywhere. Any additional rules made to govern men's conduct added nothing to the perfection already found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."



Jan Hus (1369-1415)

"O most holy Christ, draw me, weak as I am, after Thyself, for if Thou dost not draw us we cannot follow Thee. Strengthen my spirit, that it may be willing. If the flesh is weak, let Thy grace precede us; come between and follow, for without Thee we cannot go for Thy sake to a cruel death. Give me a fearless heart, a right faith a firm hope, a perfect love, that for Thy sake I may lay down my life with patience and joy. Amen."



William Tyndale (1494-1536)

"If God spares my life, ere many years I will cause a boy who drives a plough to know more of the scriptures than you do."



Martin Luther (1483-1546)

"I fought the devil with ink."



Weekly Discussion Guide

Happy Reformation Day! This Sunday we celebrated the recovery of the gospel in the Protestant Reformation through a renewed emphasis on the word of God. I hope you have a great discussion on the importance of the Word of God. This would be a great opportunity to encourage people in your life group to renew their devotion to Jesus through the word of God.

- Why were the early reformers so focused on the Word of God? Why was it so important for them to translate the Bible into the language of the people? Try to imagine what your Christian walk would look like without the Word of God.
- Why did the established church so strongly resist the effort to translate the Word into the common language, condemning the Bible translators as heretics, and even sentencing them to death? What kind of resistance against the Word of God do you see in the 21st Century?
- Perhaps you can go around the room and share your personal journey with the Bible. When did you first encounter the Bible? When did you become convinced of the power and truth of God's word? Have you ever doubted its truthfulness? What did you do in those seasons of doubt? What is your current relationship with God's word?
- How are you growing in your Bible *reading/intake*? (Romans 10:17 - *faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the Word of Christ*). Do you have a plan to regularly read the Bible? Do you listen to the Bible? Do you read it out loud with others? What translations do you use? Do you have a plan that helps you - something that might encourage the rest of the group? What factors helped you grow in your Bible reading?
- How are you growing in your Bible *study*? (Nehemiah 8:8 - *They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.*) Do you simply read the words, or do you take time to understand the Bible? What study tools have helped you grow in your knowledge of the Bible?
- How are you growing in your *love* for the Bible? (Psalm 119:14 - *In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.*) How do you hide God's word in your heart? What factors have helped you *love* the Word of God? If someone offered you \$1,000,000 to never read the Bible again, would you take the deal?
- How are you growing in your *obedience* to the Bible? (1 John 2:3 - *And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.*) When is the last time that you consciously obeyed a command that you read in the Bible (with the help of the Spirit)? What was the result of your obedience?
- How are you growing in your *proclamation* of the Bible? (1 Peter 2:9 - *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you*). When was the last time you spoke the words of Scripture to another person? Do you try to guide others with worldly wisdom or do you point people to passages in the Bible? What would ABF look like if every believer were actively involved in the ministry of the Word, and not just the preacher on Sunday morning?

