

Dig In

One of Six Decisions that will Change Your Life
June 6 & 7, 2009

Five big benefits to digging in to the Bible:

- 1. You'll _____ the _____ realm by hearing from the God of the universe.**
- 2. You'll _____ increased _____ as you discover the depth of God's love for you.**
- 3. You'll _____ true and satisfying _____ to the big questions that plague humanity.**
- 4. You'll _____ to fulfill your purpose of glorifying God by _____ to follow Christ.**
- 5. You'll _____ practical principles that will guide you to _____ in every facet of your life.**

Questions for Personal Reflection And Group Discussion

1. When you think of the phrase, "dig in," what comes to your mind? When we dig in, we are generally expecting to experience something great. We anticipate rewards when we dig in. Do you view your study of the Bible that way?
2. Many people who say they believe in the Bible never dig into its depths to mine the treasures hidden there. What hinders us from devoting more time and effort to studying the Bible?
3. What can we expect when we decide to get into the Bible? It claims to be the living Word of God. Look at Heb 4:12. Have you experienced the truth of this claim? In what way?
4. How does what you read in the Bible make you view yourself? Col. 3:12 says Christians are "God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved..." Is this how you think of yourself? What did Paul the Apostle say in Phil. 3:1-14 about his basis for significance?
5. Matthew 28:18-20 may be very familiar verses to you. Reread them, seeing these words for what they are: Christ's commission to all Christians. How does knowing the Scriptures equip you to lead people to Christ? Consider this list of verses. How might you make use of each one in a conversation with a friend? Acts 16:31; Rom. 10:9; Rev 22:17; Rev. 3:20.
6. Read Ps. 19:7; 119:105,130. There are many verses like these. What does the Bible say it can do for us? What Scriptures come to mind that have given you guidance and encouragement in the various roles you play in life?
7. We have considered several very valuable benefits to digging into the Bible. Which of these is most motivating and why?
8. What will you do as a result of this lesson?

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5. You'll learn practical principles that will guide you to succeed in every facet of your life.