

**Morning Star Church**  
**Small Group Study Guide**  
**FUEL: The Word**  
**February 6-7, 2010**

**Message Synopsis:** In January we encountered the series, *Directionally Challenged*, in which we learned that direction—not intention—determines destination. We saw the importance of centering our attention on things that can help us maintain direction. And we've been challenged to sell out to God's plan for our life. Pastor Mike just launched a new series on how God plans to *fuel* us up for the journey. The Bible is the nourishment God provides to *fuel* our spiritual lives as followers of Christ.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right. Using the Scriptures, the person who serves God will be capable, having all that is needed to do every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17, NCV

**Questions to consider in your small group:**

1. Read these verses: Psalm 95:6-7; Psalm 19:1-4; James 4:13-15. The Bible teaches us that we need to develop a time alone with God first because He deserves our devotion. Have you ever experienced a time in your life when you realized you are not invincible? What does it mean to you that God created and maintains everything?
2. Read Psalm 25:4-5; Psalm 139:23-24. Another benefit of spending time with God is He gives us direction. Only through meeting with God daily will we gain understanding about the direction of our life. How have you seen this truth in your life?
3. Read 2 Peter 1:3-4; Acts 4:13. When we spend time with God we grow more like Him. How does Peter suggest we grow into being more like Christ?
4. God has **promised many blessings** to us when we take the time to get to know Him through the Word. Here is a list of blessings He promises: **Joy** (read Psalm 119:162; Jeremiah 15:16); **Strength** (read Isaiah 40:28-31); **Peace** (read Psalm 119:165; Isaiah 48:17-19); **Stability** (read Psalm 16:7-9, 11); **Answered prayer** (read John 15:7). Which one of these blessings is especially promising for you right now? Why?
5. The prayer that God is very interested in answering for you is the prayer you need to pray after you read a passage of Scripture: ***What do you want me to do now based on what I learned in these verses, Lord?*** God wants us to learn His Truth out of a passage in the Bible by **OBSERVING** and **APPLYING**. Practice this truth by reading this passage and answering these two questions:

Read James 1:2-4

**Observation: *What does it say?***

**Application: *What should I do?***

**Prayer requests:**

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*Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" (Jesus, Matthew 4:4)*

*"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."  
(Apostle Paul, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

God gives us His Word as a gracious gift of life.

*He said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life." (Moses, Deuteronomy 32:46-47)*

The Enemy uses God's Word to produce guilt and shame.

### **Fueling Up on God's Word**

1. Pray for insight

*"Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law." (Psalm 119:18)*

2. Read for depth, not distance

*"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him—but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God."  
(Apostle Paul, 1 Corinthians 2:9-10)*

3. Reflect and Record insights

*"I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. I have considered my ways and have turned my steps to your statutes." (Psalm 119:58-59)*

- Keys: Observation and Application

5. Remember key truth and verse

*"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."  
(Joshua, Joshua 1:8)*