



Message Reflections

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**“You are my shelter and my shield; I put my hope in your word.”
Psalm 119:114**

In order to grow as disciples of Jesus, we must learn from His example and follow in His ways. We have been given the Scriptures to teach us all we need to know about how to follow Him.

Read Luke 4:1-14.

Jesus loved the Spirit-breathed words of the Father! When He was tempted in the wilderness and later when He hung on the cross to bear our sins, the words He spoke were straight from Scripture. Jesus was so full of the Word of God that it came out of Him even when He was pressed and in the worst circumstances.

- What comes out of you when you are squeezed or facing a difficult situation?
- Do you love the Scriptures like Jesus did?

Bible reading can sometimes feel like a chore or something you simply need to do to check the box as a Christian. As we seek to learn Scripture out of our desire to follow Jesus' example, we will naturally grow in our love for God's Word. We can move from reading the Bible as a discipline to receiving it as a gift we have been given to know God's heart for us.

There are three key steps to experiencing deeper Bible engagement:

1. Love the Bible
 2. Know the Bible
 3. Follow the Bible
- What step(s) can you take to deepen your Bible engagement? (Ex: start a Bible reading plan, join a triad to read Scripture with others, listen to Scripture while I drive, etc.)

The Bible brings good news and when we grow in our love, knowledge, and obedience to the Scriptures, we will naturally desire to tell others about the good news of Jesus!