



Stand Alone Lesson - March 6, 2016

Warm Up

The structure of everything in our life is dependent on the strength of our foundation, so we need to build our life on the unchanging truth of God's Word. Even when we don't understand it or don't particularly like it, we must make the decision to trust and obey it. In this way, we consistently set our foundation on a rock by submitting to the authority of the Bible. Next, we can hold on to the Word by making it the first part of our daily life. The easiest way to begin incorporating this into our lifestyle is dedicating the first fifteen minutes of our day to God with five minutes of Bible reading, five minutes of worship, and five minutes of prayer. We can also continue to hold on to God's Word by making it grow deeper in our lives. We can do this by reading specific translations of the Bible that help us understand it, getting a study Bible, and joining a small group. And finally, we can apply God's Word practically by utilizing it as a weapon for the challenges of life. When temptation, depression, fear, or other attacks come our way, we can speak out the truth of the Word of God to defeat the enemy.

Into The Bible

"Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"

— John 8:31-32 NIV

- People often build their foundations on: popular culture, tradition, reason, and feelings. Discuss which of these areas have the loudest voice in determining your foundation and why? Share what can you do ensure God's Word is the foundation in your life.
 - Discuss how implementing the "First Fifteen" concept into your morning routine could help you grow in your relationship with God.
 - Applying God's Word to every situation is a powerful way to fight spiritual warfare. What practical steps can you take this week to have more Scripture which you can then speak from memory?
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Application

Make the daily decision to set the foundation of your life in God's Word. Dedicate the first part of your day to Him, making time to read the Word every morning. Find and use a study Bible in a translation that helps you better understand the Word. Take practical steps to memorize Scripture each week to expand your arsenal for spiritual warfare.

Prayer Focus :Thank God for giving you access to His incredible Word. Make a commitment before Him to build your life's foundation upon it, to read it often, and to study it in depth. Ask Him for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that your time in the Word might help you know Him better. Ask Him to help you hide the truth of the Word in your heart so that you can stand up to every attack of the enemy.

This week Pray for our upcoming Easter Services that God will draw people to FC and that our people will invite others to come hear the Gospel.