

Battalion SQUAD Meeting:

September 23, 2013

Principle: The Call to Godly Living – part 2

Bible Reading: James 1: 21-25

Overview: Last week we learned that we need to sacrifice or “surrender” our lives to God and not be conformed to the world's standard. How then do we “transform” our lives to godly living? This week we will look at the importance of doing what we learn.

Ask the squad the following questions:

1. What else did you learn from last week's squad meeting? If you do not remember anything, then how may that apply to vs.22 in today's passage? (Hint: just trying to get the point across that we may only be listeners of the Word if we don't take what we learn to heart. We can't be doers if we don't remember what we were taught)

2. This week our passage is telling us not to just listen to the Word but put it into action. Why is last week's study of “surrendering” our lives important to what we are being told in verse 22? (hint: because if we don't surrender our lives chances are we are only going to be hearers of the Word rather than doers'. Important point that we must surrender first before we can be effective doers)

3. Tell the squad to remember this number 472,869 (repeat only once). Then ask what is the answer to the following by figuring it out in their head – no paper or calculator: 10×10 plus 53 minus 75. Give them a minute for the answer. Then ask them what number where they were told to remember? Congratulate anyone who remembered the original number they concentrated well. Explain that this fun simple example is an illustration on how the busyness or details of our worldly lives (calculation) can cloud and even make us forget the “Word” which we are instructed to remember and put into practice.

4. So given the distractions of life what do you think is the key word in vs. 25 to help us remember what we learn? Give an example of how we can do that? (hint: looking for “intently” – our study needs to be purpose driven not just reading for the sake of reading. Examples could include reading the word with no TV on or music playing or using references to help explain what we are reading and so forth).

5. Finally we are given a promise that if we are faithful in studying the Word and practice it we will be blessed in what we do. Think about that as we progress this year in Battalion. Don’t just be hearers, but doers.