

So Many Christians Have No Idea How to Read the Bible. Do You?

According to Ed Stetzer of Pastors.com, [we have an epidemic of Bible illiteracy in our churches](#). LifeWay Research and the United Kingdom Bible Society have recently released survey findings on Biblical literacy, and the results are pretty alarming.

Though these statistics are alarming, LifeWay also noted that most of the Christians they surveyed desire to become more mature followers of Christ. So how can the Church begin equipping believers to have a deeper understanding of the Word, and consequently, a more intimate relationship with Christ?

Stetzer believes attending a small group, is key to combating biblical illiteracy. After personally conducting research on the issue, he learned that, 'group attenders' were much more likely than non-group members to read their Bible regularly—67 percent compared to only 27 percent.

Being involved in a small group made it more than twice as likely a Christian would be regularly reading God's Word."

He goes on to say, "On top of that, we found involvement in small groups made Christians more likely to pray for others and confess sins to God—both of which are predictors of biblical engagement. It's no wonder we concluded quite simply: [groups matter.](#)"

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*I expect to pass through this world but once
Any good thing, therefore,
that I can do or any kindness I can show
To any fellow human being let me do it now.
Let me not defer nor neglect it;
For I shall not pass this way again.*

*A sound head, an honest heart & a humble spirit are the
three best guides through life.*

Welcome

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What a Day!

“He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Isaiah 2:4

Recommended Reading

Isaiah 11:6-9

As Herman Hoyt points out in *The Meaning of the Millennium*, our belief in the thousand-year reign of Christ in Revelation 20 provides a solid and satisfying philosophy of history. It “points to the fact that God is progressively moving through history and directing the course of events to some good end.

It is true through sin humanity has failed. But in spite of that fact the movement of history is forward and upward, and will at last come to a grand consummation in the future under the power of God.”

During the Millennium, Hoyt suggests, we'll succeed by God's grace in conquering disease, preventing wars, lengthening the span of life, eliminating social and political ills, and increasing agricultural productiveness.

God's people will have absolute, uninterrupted joy for a thousand years as He reigns over the entire world.

The prophet Isaiah said of the millennial inhabitants of earth, “[They will] come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:10).

What a day to anticipate!

All this points to that day when within the context of the power and grace of God, and on the earthly level, there will be ushered in the golden age of all civilization.

(Herman A. Hoyt)

(Turning Point by David Jeremiah)

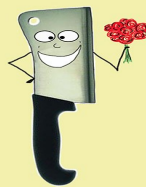


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Happy Birthday!



Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven you. Ephesians 4: 32



I'm gonna kill you with kindness!



Upcoming Events

Culture Night
Date to be announced

September Celebrations
September 10 - St George's
Caye Day

Sept. 21 - Independence
Day

What place (s) of service
has God purposed for me?

God prepares specific places
of service for each season of
our lives.

What needs do people in my
church and community
have?

What has God said to me
about my part in helping to
meet these needs?

Where do I see myself serv-
ing others? What do I see
myself doing?

Tell the Lord of your desire
and commitment to serve
Him. Ask Him to give you
specific guidance concerning
His place of service for you.



Church Fellowships

Sunday Services:

9:30 am - Sunday School for all ages
10:45 am - Morning Worship
7:00 pm - Evening Service

1st Sunday - Communion after Evening Service
Children's Service 10:45 a.m.
Last Sunday: Singspiration: @ 7:00 pm

Women's Fellowship - 1st Monday of the month
Church Council Meeting - 2nd Monday of the
month

Men's Fellowship - 4th Monday of the
Month

Trustees Meeting - 3rd Monday of the month

Wednesday - Evangelism @ 6:00 pm

Thursday - Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 6:00
pm

Friday @ 7:00 pm - Youth Meeting

Saturday - Music Practice - Adult Choir @ 2.00
pm

Praise Team - 4:00 pm (Every other week)

Couple's Fellowship - Last Friday of
the month

Overfed Shepherds & Underfed Sheep

Ezekiel 34: 2-3



The Bible says, "Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; 'Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.'"

I once picked up a book that had a picture of a fat preacher holding his shepherds staff standing next to a small skinny sheep. The title of the book was, 'Overfed Shepherds & Underfed Sheep.' The pastor, or shepherd's, chief function is to, feed the flock of God ... not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind" (1 Peter 5:2)

Leonard Ravenhill said, "The pastor's task is to feed the flock, not to produce it." shepherds don't produce sheep!. Sheep produce sheep. However, the church cannot grow and be productive if it is not fed properly on the word of God. Maybe one old Baptist deacon who was a rancher was right when he singled out what he believed to be the main reason why so many churches were dead or dying, He said something like this, "We have been milked and not fed. The preachers expect work and money from us, but they do not feed us the word of God in return.

We need to remember there are two ends to a cow. She will not give milk, unless she is fed. Our churches cannot produce, unless they are fed." SO PASTORS, FEED THE FLOCK OF GOD OR FACE THE WOE OF GOD.

(Adapted from Timeless Treasures by Dr. Bob Roberts)

American King James Version (AKJV) - Verse 4 -The diseased have you not strengthened, neither have you healed that which was sick. Neither have you bound up that which was broken, neither have you brought again that which was driven away. Neither have you sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have you ruled them.

Think On This:

Kindness
in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking
creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving
creates love.

Lao Tzu
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