



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 10/16/2022
DISCUSSION DATE: 10/23/2022
TEXT: TOPICAL

FEEDING, FEASTING, OR FORGETTING

I. Setting the Word Stage (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4; John 6:63)

- A. Satisfying soul hunger.
- B. Getting a better perspective on the Word.
- C. Some fair questions:
- D. New insights into the value of God's word:
 - 1. It raises your children up correctly (Deut. 6:2)
 - 2. It helps you keep from sinning (Psalm 119:11)
 - 3. It is health to your flesh (Prov. 4:22)
 - 4. It's better than precious metals (Prov. 5:1-6)
 - 5. It's equal to your daily food (Matt. 4:4)
 - 6. It increases your faith (Rom. 10:17)

II. Doers and not Hearers Only (James 1:21-25)

- A. New converts and their appetite.
- B. The remedy (James 1:22).

Conclusion: Feeding, feasting, or forgetting; what has been your habit of late?

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Monday—Read Deut. 8:3 & Matt. 4:4.** The word of God was given to us as a great gift and is likened unto our daily food intake. How does this metaphor help us to view God’s word? Do we “live” by physical food, spiritual food, or both? When we hunger for food, we know exactly what to do, but what does spiritual hunger look like? How do we satisfy that kind of hunger?

2. **Tuesday—Read John 6:63.** Is “box-checking” (reading just so that we can check off the task for the day) really where it’s at when it comes to finding God in His word? What spiritual nourishment comes from “box-checking”? On the contrary, what spiritual nourishment comes from the actual obeying of what we read there?

3. **Wednesday—**In the following verses, list how the Word is designed to bless and help us:
 - a. Deut. 6:2—
 - b. Psalm 119:11—
 - c. Proverbs 4:22—

4. **Thursday—Read James 1:21-25—**How is lack of obedience to God’s clear truths like “spiritual bulimia”? If we wouldn’t take chances with our food intake, why do we take chances with our *word* intake? How can we expect to grow if we take in little spiritual nourishment? List here what you would like to start doing differently to correct this problem.

5. **Friday—Read James 1:21—**What is the word picture formed for us via the word, “implanted” (KJV = engrafted)? If we have been grafted into Jesus Christ, where do we then get our nutrition? Some would use the word, “lifeblood,” when referring to our connection to Jesus and His words. How do we ensure that *food supply* is firmly intact?

6. **Saturday—Read James 1:23-24—**Another metaphor is used here in the word, “mirror.” How does a mirror reveal what’s on your face? What is customary for us to do when food leftovers are found on our face, our hair is disheveled, or our make-up is smeared? If a good, hard look into the word reveals something similar to the above, why do we think we can go through our day and assume no one will notice? Or better yet, even if someone didn’t notice, would our God?