

Sunday, January 6, 2019 - "One Word 2019" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Romans 10:17, Matthew 4:4, John 15:7, Luke 4:32, 2 Timothy 4:2, 2 Timothy 3:16

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- One word for the year rather than a long list of task and goals
- Guiding principles for "one word"
  - 1) Let the word find you
    - Asking God what word he has for us...He will bring it
    - Listen and pay attention
    - Words that have a them or keep coming up over and over
  - 2) If it's easy, it's not the word (God will stretch and challenge us)
  - 3) Be patient. Trust God will bring it
  - 4) Sit with your word for a few days before announcing it
  - 5) Write it where you will see it
- God still speaks to us personally (He will give us the word and specific direction)
- The word (in different passages of scripture means different things)
  - We sometimes just substitute the Bible for "the word" which is only partially true
  - God is inviting us into an ongoing dialogue with Him
  - Romans 10:17, Matthew 4:4, John 15:7
    - The word = RHEMA → Dynamic, spoken living voice of God to in birth faith (it is timely and specific)
    - God speaking into our lives
    - "Rhema moments" When God speaks to us directly and specifically
    - Are you listening?
  - Luke 4:32, 2 Timothy 4:2
    - the word = LOGOS → Sharing a message or broad term of meaning
    - God's wisdom, purpose, plan and ways (through the person of Jesus)
    - What life is about
    - We need to know God's ways (logos) or "rhema" moments can confuse us (they can't go against God's ways and will)
  - 2 Timothy 3:16
    - the word = GRAPHE → holy scripture, inerrant and inspired writings of the Bible
    - 15 minutes w/ God → logos, rhema moments
- All three words go together and work together (puzzle)
- God is speaking and the question is are we listening
- The story of Samuel: Samuel finally said "Lord what are you saying?"

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Has God given you a word for 2019? Share it and explain it with your group
2. Give an example of your own rhema moment (when God spoke directly and specifically to you)?
3. How can you make space for rhema moments with the Lord this year?
4. Talk about a time when God taught you about his ways, vision and purpose (logos)
5. Give an example of how God has used the Bible to teach you his ways (logos) or to speak you specifically (rhema)
6. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

**\*\*15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Luke 11 Tues: Luke 12 Wed: Luke 13 Thurs: Luke 14 Fri: Luke 15

Songs from the weekend: [Mountaintops - *Belonging Co.*] - [One Thing Remains - Bethel Music] - [Reckless Love - Cory Asbury] - [Made A Way - Travis Greene]