

Topeka Bible Church – Men’s Fraternity

Root Issues: A Study of Christian Doctrine

Lesson 2: *The Value of Knowing the Scoop*

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I. Ignorance is not Bliss

- A. Press On: Never stop studying, reading, or learning!
- B. Biblical illiteracy is on the rise.

1 Peter 3:13-16

II. Knowing the Scoop is Often Emphasized in the Scripture

- A. God wants His people to know His truth.
- B. Harvard University’s founding.

III. Six Benefits of Being Spiritually Informed

1. Knowledge gives substance to faith.
2. Knowledge stabilizes us during times of testing.
3. Knowledge enables us to handle the Bible accurately.

4. Knowledge equips us to detect and confront error.
5. Knowledge makes us confident in our daily walk.
6. A good foundation of spiritual truth filters out our fears and superstitions.

Hosea 4:1-6

Amos 8:11-13

IV. Sound Doctrine is Invaluable

1 Timothy 4:1-6

- A. People will “fall away.”
- B. False teachers will teach error.
- C. We must “nourish” ourselves with God’s truth: the Bible.

V. Knowledge Alone Can be Dangerous ...

- A. ... when it lacks scriptural support.
- B. ... when it becomes an end to itself.
- C. ... when it isn’t balanced by love and grace.
- D. ... when it remains theoretical.

Small Group Discussion Questions

1. Suppose you had a friend who was really struggling in life. He looks to you for answers and help. Is your grasp of the Bible strong enough to help your friend cope? Could you point him in the right direction?
2. Read *Deuteronomy 6:4-9*. How might you capture some of these opportunities in your home and schedule to teach your children about God and His word?
3. Read *1 Timothy 4:6*. What can you change in your daily schedule that would make it easier to draw “nourishment” from God’s word?