



OPEN

This fall we are looking at what it means to pursue Jesus through the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John. John opens his gospel in a unique way, calling Jesus the 'Word' that "became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (1:14). It means that Jesus is God's living Word to us. Later in John 8, Jesus said to his disciples, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (vv.31-32). And then in John 15, Jesus says, "If you love me, keep my commands.... Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them" (vv.15,21). In these words of Jesus, we see that pursuing Jesus is wrapped up in pursuing him in his WORD. Making a commitment to Jesus necessitates making a personal commitment to God's Word. How can you make a greater commitment to God's Word? Let's look together to see the ways and find out!

REFLECT

- In John 1, Jesus is called the Word. Why do you think John describes Jesus this way?
- In John 8:31-32, Jesus makes an 'if / then' statement about his teaching. What is it and what reasons do you think Jesus thought it necessary to make this statement?
- In John 15, Jesus talks about how he wants to be loved and the connection between his Word and him showing himself to us. How do all these things come together?

DISCUSS

- Have you experienced someone who really listened to you and honoured your words? How did it make you feel? Why?
- In contrast, have you experienced someone who didn't listen or honour your words? How did that make you feel?
- Why do you think Jesus put such emphasis on his words?
- In your own words, in John 8:31-32, what kind of freedom and truth is Jesus talking about?
- What makes it sometimes hard to keep in God's Word?

If you have time, here are 3 key scriptures to look up about the nature of God's Word and its benefit for our lives - make observations of how we benefit from God's Word according to:

- Joshua 1:8
- Psalm 119:9-16
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

APPLY

From the sermon this week, here are 6 ways to get a better GRIP on God's Word using your hand:

- Pinky finger - H_____ God's Word
- Ring finger - R_____ God's Word
- Middle finger - S_____ God's Word
- Pointing finger - M_____ God's Word
- Thumb - M_____ on God's Word
- Palm - A_____ God's Word



Where do I start?

1. Choose a YouVerson Bible App reading plan or gospel.
2. Choose a daily time in your calendar.
3. Choose 1 verse a week to memorize from the reading.
4. Choose a reading partner to encourage.

PRAY

- Pray for an increase of hunger and discipline for God's Word in your daily life to better know Jesus.