

read + listen + respond



Grounded In Christ

- ❑ Be grounded like...
 - a tree by a stream that can withstand dry times.
Ps 1; 92:12-14; Jer 17:8; Eze 19:10
 - a house on a rock that can withstand stormy days.
Matt 7:24-27; Acts 9:31; Col 2:7; 1Pet 2:5
 - a warrior, strong and courageous, ready for battle.
Josh 1:6-9; 2Tim 2:1-4; Eph 6:10-17; Heb 4:12
 - a godly person geared up for good works.
2Tim 3:14-17; 2:21; Heb 13:20-21
- ❑ How...
 - **READ** the Bible.
 - **LISTEN** to the Spirit.
 - **RESPOND** with your life.

GETTING STARTED: Tell about a time in your life you felt really close to God. What factors helped create that sense of closeness?

DIGGING DEEPER: Read the verses associated with each of the four images above. Which of the four images most motivates you to spend time in the Word to connect with Jesus? Why? Which of the four images do you need most in your life right now? Why? Read Psalm 119:8. How does this verse remind you about preparing your heart before you read the Word? What kinds of things distract you when you are reading the Word? What can you do to actively listen? What does 1Cor 2:12-14 promise about our ability to hear from God? What does Jam 1:22-25 say about the importance of responding to the Truth? Make a list of five possible ways someone could “respond with their life” to the Word and to the Spirit?

LIVING IT OUT: Do you have a plan to regularly meet with God through reading His Word? Why or why not? If not, what would convince you to do so? How much is time and energy a barrier to you meeting with God? How much time each week do you spend in recreation, sports, non-work-related time on the computer, or watching TV? Will you read the New Testament with us this year for the purpose of connecting with Jesus? (Go to northwestbible.org/read-listen-respond to join us.) When will you do it each day?

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