

Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!

I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

II. Digging Deeper

1. What are the benefits of having the Scriptures according to verse 18?
2. Are the activities listed in verses 19-20 legitimate activities that a knowledge of the Scriptures should qualify believers to perform?
3. Verses 21-22 describe a very tragic, but common reality. Define the problem and discuss how it affects us today.

4. What are some religious practices that would be equivalent to circumcision today? Do people tend to (mis)treat them the same as the Jews in verse 25?

5. What do you think "circumcision of the heart" (verse 29) means?

III. Making it Personal

6. How consistent are you at not just studying the Word, but actually putting it into practice? Identify one specific thing you need to do this week as a result of your Bible study (personal or church). Make a plan and act on it!
7. Read verse 24. How do people respond to God based on your lifestyle? Is there anything you can do to improve how they view God?
8. Is praise from God more important to you, than the praise of people (verse 29)? How is that reflected in your life?

IV. Prayer