

# **TRANSFORMATION COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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## **THE MESSAGE**

JAMES 1:22

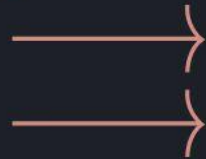
"..DON'T JUST LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD. YOU MUST DO WHAT IT SAYS.  
OTHERWISE, YOU ARE ONLY FOOLING YOURSELVES."



# WELCOME



## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE





# Welcome Card

*Please fill out the Welcome Card and give it to a member of the Welcome Team or a Church leader so that we can keep connected with you.*

## ONLINE CONNECT CARD

Hi there! Thanks for visiting New Life and we are looking forward to connecting with you! One of the team will be in touch soon from the basic info you provide below.

Name:

Email Address:

Is this your first time connecting with us at New Life?

☐ Yes

☐ No

I/we attended....

☐ an in person service

☐ we watched online

Communication Preferences (Optional)

[newlifecrawley.church/connect](https://newlifecrawley.church/connect)



SCAN ME

## Guest Feedback Form

We're honoured you visited and would love to hear your thoughts.

This short survey will take just 1-2 minutes.





# THE LIVING WORD

GOD SPEAKS TO  
ALL NATIONS

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AN 8-WEEK SERIES ON  
THE BIBLE'S NATURE AND POWER

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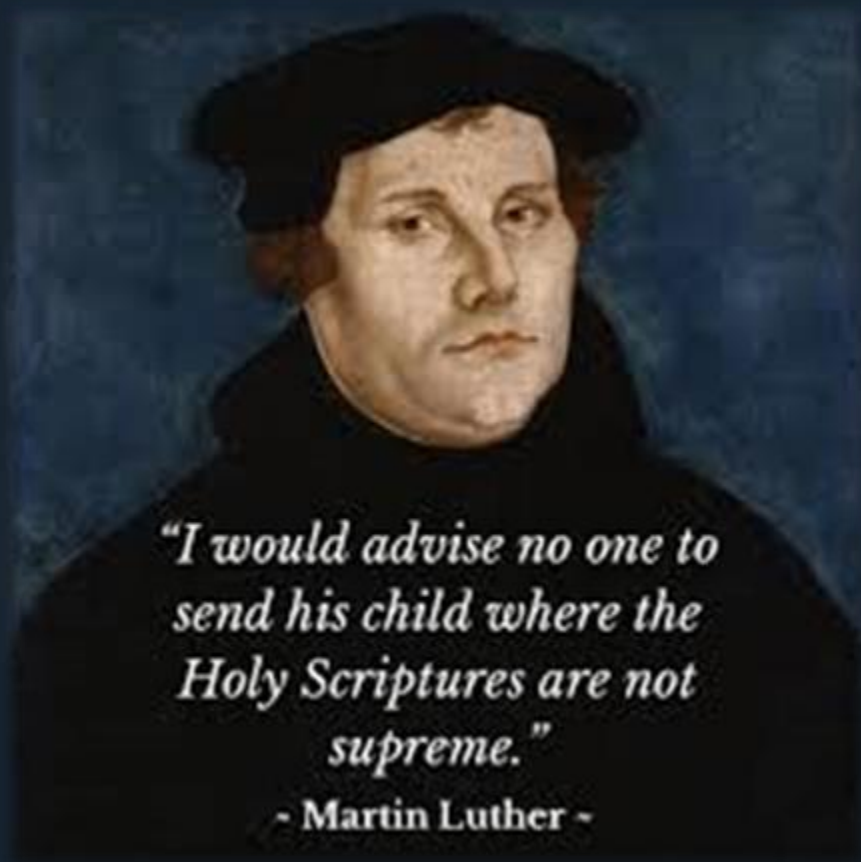


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1517=Reformation

**Clarity  
of the  
Bible**



# THE LIVING WORD



## Psalm 119

- Written as a structured acrostic poem
- 22 sections each beginning with the different letters of the Hebrew alphabet
- It is the longest psalm
  - instructions laws words regulations
  - statutes commands decrees promises

Clarity of the Bible





# THE LIVING WORD



Psalm 119:129-135

*Your laws are wonderful. No wonder I obey them!*

*The teaching of your word gives light,  
so even the simple can understand.*

*I pant with expectation, longing for your commands*

*Come and show me your mercy,  
as you do for all who love your name.*

Clarity of the Bible



# THE LIVING WORD



*Guide my steps by your word,  
so I will not be overcome by evil.*

*Ransom me from the oppression of evil  
people; then I can obey your commandments.*

*Look upon me with love;  
teach me your decrees.*

Clarity of the Bible



# Activity 4

## Packs



### MEMORY VERSE

“The teaching of your word gives light,  
so even the simple can understand”

Psalm 119:30  
(video and scroll)





# THE LIVING WORD



## 1: The bible is clear and confirms its own understandability

*“The teaching of your word gives light, so even the simple can understand.”*

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# THE LIVING WORD



*And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7*

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# THE LIVING WORD



*The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.*

*Psalms 19:7*

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# THE LIVING WORD



*After you have read this letter,  
pass it on to the church at  
Laodicea so they can read it,  
too. And you should read the  
letter I wrote to them.*

*Colossians 4:16*

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# THE LIVING WORD



*Teach these things and insist that everyone learn them. Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young...*

*Until I get there, focus on reading the Scriptures to the church, encouraging the believers, and teaching them*

*1 Timothy 4:12-13*

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# THE LIVING WORD



Have you not  
read...?  
Matthew 12:3

Have you not  
read...?  
Matthew 19:4

Have you not  
read...?  
Matthew 12:5

Have you not  
read...?  
Matthew 21:42

Have you not  
read...?  
Matthew 22:31

## Clarity of the Bible





# THE LIVING WORD



**2: The bible is clear, but we need to  
desire and long for understanding**

*“I pant with expectation,  
longing for your commands”*

Clarity of the Bible



# Activity 4

## Packs



### MEMORY VERSE

“The teaching of your word gives light,  
so even the simple can understand”

Psalm 119:30  
(light my way)



# THE LIVING WORD



*And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. This is what our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you with the wisdom God gave him—speaking of these things in all of his letters. Some of his comments are hard to understand... 2 Peter 3:15-16*

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# THE LIVING WORD



## The Process of Understanding TIME

**Understanding scripture is not  
always immediate -meditating on it  
lets it sink into our hearts and souls  
rather than just our heads**

**Joshua 1:8 Psalm 1:2**

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# THE LIVING WORD



## **The Process of Understanding STUDY**

**The more mature we become the  
deeper our understanding**

**Psalms 119:33, Acts 15:7, Acts 15: 25**

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# THE LIVING WORD



*Yet when I am among mature believers, I do speak with words of wisdom, but not the kind of wisdom that belongs to this world or to the rulers of this world, who are soon forgotten. No, the wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God His plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-7*

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# THE LIVING WORD



## The Process of Understanding EFFORT

**Takes commitment = closeness**

*...the gracious hand of his God was on him. This was because Ezra had determined to study and obey the Law of the Lord and to teach those decrees and regulations to the people of Israel.*

*Ezra 7:10*

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# THE LIVING WORD



## The Process of Understanding HELP

- Look at different translations
- Listen to teachers
- Look at commentaries
- **CONNECT!**

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# THE LIVING WORD



## The Process of Understanding WILLINGNESS TO OBEY

*Jesus said to the people who believed in him, "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings. And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31*

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# THE LIVING WORD



## The Process of Understanding

### HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our teacher and helper. When we meditate on a passage and ask the Spirit to help, again deep understanding that transforms can come.

Not our emotions!

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# THE LIVING WORD



**3: The bible is clear, and God wants us to understand it**

*Come and show me your mercy,  
as you do for all who love your name.*

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# Activity 4

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### MEMORY VERSE

“The teaching of your word gives light,  
so even the simple can understand”

Psalm 119:30

(God is...)



# THE LIVING WORD



## God is...

- Infinitely personal
- Infinitely wise
- Infinitely loving
- Infinitely present

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# THE LIVING WORD



## CONCLUSION/RESPONSE

The effect of clarity in scripture on our lives:

Unity with God

Unity with each other

Means ALL cultures ALL ages ALL nations  
can read the bible.

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# THE LIVING WORD



*My sheep listen to my voice;  
I know them, and they follow me  
John 10:27*

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