



Week Seven

Opening Praying

God, thank you for creating this space for us. Help us to encounter you and what you have for us here today. Amen.

Talk It Over

The big idea for this week is to not merely be the kind of people who reads God's Word, but to be the kind of people who live God's Word. It's information and application that leads to transformation — not just information alone. If we take good information and apply it to our lives, we'll be changed.

- Have you ever wrapped your head around something helpful or important, but then you failed or struggled to apply the information? Tell us about that struggle. (This doesn't need to be something you heard from the Bible.)
- Have you ever heard a piece of information, quickly put it into action, and enjoyed the results of application? Tell us about that story. (Again, this doesn't need to be something you heard from the Bible.)

This week we looked at seven core values EastLake Church aims to intentionally live out; these are seven core values we find in scripture and believe we are called to live out. None of this means EastLake Church does any of this perfectly, of course. But rather, these are goals we aim to live in our lives individually and together as a church.

As we look at the seven core values that help us live God's Word, answer these questions as we go:

1. Define the value you see and why it matters in everyday life.
2. Do you know someone who lives this value out well? Share what observable traits, habits, or attitudes, you see this person model.
3. Share how this core value plays out in your life in a life-giving way. Tell us about that experience.
4. Does this value jump out at you for some reason? Tell us why.
5. Let us know if this is a core value that you struggle with. Share about your experience.

Seven Ways We Live God's Word:

1. **Rejecting religion. / Read Romans 7:4 (MSG)**
2. **Encountering Jesus. / Read Matthew 11: 28-30 (MSG)**
3. **Living lights on, windows open. / Read 1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)**
4. **Connecting in community. / Read Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)**

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5. Playing our part. / Read Ephesians 4:11-12,16 (NLT)

6. Growing in generosity. / Read 1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NLT)

7. Revealing the Kingdom of God. / Read 2 Corinthians 5:15, 20 (NLT)

Read Series Theme Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

- What were some of the larger or meaningful take aways from this series?
- What actions step, next step, or application step are you aiming to implement in your life moving forward?

Closing Prayer

God, we want to be people who live out God's word in meaningful ways. We want to trust that you are interested in helping us in this area too. Help us to walk out your words; empower and equip us to live your words out in our normal, everyday life. Help us to say 'yes' to whatever you have for us. Amen.