

Habits of Grace - "Hear His Voice" (chs. 1-3)

ICE BREAKER

If you were to select a picture (metaphor, illustration) to describe the role of scripture in the believer's life, what would it be? And why?

INTRO

- How is God speaking ~~to~~ an expression of His grace to us?
... How is it an ongoing "means of grace" to us?

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[See "sum" on bottom of ps. 40-41.]

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Why do we need a regular role of the Word in our lives? → Ps 1; Acts 20: 23; 2 Tim 3: 14ff; 1 Thess 2: 13; etc.

QUESTIONS or THESES?

GENERAL

- What aspects did you find most helpful?
- Questions, disagreements, theses, etc.?

(e.g., "portfolio" of expressions.)

PREACH GOSPEL TO SELF

Mathis talks about "preaching the gospel" to oneself. What does this mean? And what does this look like practically? // Why is this necessary?

DEPTH + BREADTH

- What do we lose if we never read for "breadth"? "Depth"?
- Which do you find more difficult? Why? // Which are you more inclined to?
- What are some things that you have found helpful when trying to read for depth (meditation)? Breadth? // (What are things we need to be attentive to when reading for these things?)
- How do we read, not only to understand content, but for worship producing life transformation and increasing joy in Jesus?

TAKEAWAYS?

- What are area(s) in which you may be weak that you can focus on investing in and attending to this week?