

“Walking With God”:
A Personal Vision for God's Word in 2017
Sermon Notes

□ **Walking with God means walking in the Word of God**

-Genesis 5:22, 24; 6:9 → Isaiah 30:8-12, 19-21; 1 Samuel 3:21

1. If you want to walk as Christ walked, walk in the Word
(1 John 2:6; 1 Peter 2:21 → John 5:37-47; Luke 24:25-27, 32, 44;
Matthew 28:19-20)

2. If you want to walk in the Spirit, walk in the Word
(Galatians 5:16; Romans 8:4; Ezekiel 36:27 → Galatians 3:1-5)

3. If you want to walk by faith, walk in the Word
(2 Corinthians 5:7; Romans 4:12; Colossians 2:6 → Romans 10:17)

4. If you want to walk in the truth, walk in the Word
(3 John 3-4 → Psalm 86:11; John 17:17)

5. If you want to walk in love, walk in the Word
(Ephesians 5:2 → 1 Timothy 1:5; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a)

6. If you want to walk humbly, walk in the Word
(Micah 6:8; Daniel 4:37 → Isaiah 66:2)

7. If you want to walk in newness of life, walk in the Word
(Romans 6:4 → Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 4:4)

**Next Week: “The MEFC 2020 Vision – Two Years In...
Looking Backward / Looking Forward”**

Community Group Study Guide For the Week of January 1st – 7th

The following study is drawn from a booklet by Christopher Ash entitled: Listen Up! : A Practical Guide to Listening to Sermons. Review as a family or hop into a community group this week and read & discuss these Scriptures, truths, and suggestions for personal application¹ In each case, answer the questions and read the Scriptures in which they're grounded asking: *Do I do this? Am I sure? If not, why not? What am I going to do about it?

****Six ingredients for healthy sermon listening...***

1. Expect God to speak.
1 Peter 1:23-25; Acts 17:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 4:11;
Nehemiah 8:5
2. Admit that God knows better than you.
2 Timothy 4:3; Hebrews 4:12-13; James 1:12; Luke 11:45; Isaiah 66:2
3. Check the preacher says what the passage says.
2 Timothy 4:1-2; Acts 17:10-11; 2 Peter 3:15-18
4. Hear the sermon in church.
Acts 7:38; Deuteronomy 4:10; Nehemiah 8:1-3
5. Be there week by week.
Hebrews 10:24-25; Acts 2:46; 2 Peter 1:12; 1 John 2:19
6. Do what the Bible says.
James 1:22; Luke 8:15; 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5; Mark 6:14-29; Ezekiel 33:32

****How to listen to bad sermons...***

- **How to listen to a dull (but faithful) sermon** (Acts 20:7-12)
Repentantly. Expectantly. Patiently. Gratefully. Perhaps with a cup of coffee in hand.
- **How to listen to a biblically inadequate sermon** (Acts 18:24-28)
Humbly. Carefully. Judiciously. Willing to offer loving correction.
- **How to listen to a heretical sermon** (2 John 10-11; Romans 16:17-20)
Don't.

¹

Christopher Ash, *Listen Up! : A Practical Guide to Listening to Sermons*. Published by the Good Book Company. 2010.