Engaging Life #3

People of the Word

1. Stac touched on the idea that disciples are not only good listeners, they’re good learners. Are you a good learner? What does learning look like in your life? How do you learn best?
2. The Prince of Grenada was imprisoned with a copy of the Bible for 33 years. Sadly, he may have missed the point. What do you think the point of the Bible is, and how does that affect the way you approach the Bible?
3. Blackaby writes that God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways. Has God ever spoken to you? If so, how did he speak?
4. Stac referred to several ways that Bible is useful, and several metaphors for the Word of God. Which of the following is most meaningful to you, and why?

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| Seed  Mark 4; 1 Pet 1:23 | Sword  Eph 6; Hebrews 4 | Food  Jer 15:16; Matt 4:4 | Milk  1 Peter 2:2 |
| Hammer  Jeremiah 23:29 | Fire  Jeremiah 5:14 | Lamp  Psalm 109:105 | Mirror  James 1:23-25 |

1. Big Buts…Which of the “big buts” have you faced as you try to grow as a learner? What can you do to fight these big buts?
   1. The Bible is a BIG book
   2. It’s boring
   3. I’m blocked
   4. I’m too busy
2. According to Jesus in Mark 4, good soil is identified as those who hear and accept the word/seed, and an exponential crop follows. Can you identify a time in your life when you have seen fruit from hearing and responding obediently to the word of God?
3. Read Romans 10:13-17. If faith comes from hearing, what is your plan to be in a better position to hear the words of Christ? Stac listed several practical helps for those who want to get better at walking the path of learning. Do you want to improve in this area, and what is your plan?