BIBLE STUDY GUIDE FOR FBC FAMILIES & E-GROUPS

Sermon Title: "A PAUSE TO MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD!

Sermon Text: Hebrews 4

A. OPENING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Member)

B. SHARING TIME (Let each one share a brief summary of how's their week been!)

C. ICEBREAKER QUESTION

"What is your favorite book in the Bible & why?" or "Who is your favorite Bible character & why?"

(<u>Transition Sentence</u>: "Thank you for your sharing. I ask that question because today we are going to study why the Scriptures or Bible is a very important gift of the Lord our God to the Church; that is, to you & me ...")

C. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) Read passage Let somebody read Hebrews 4: 12-13.
- 2) As we read the Bible, particularly the New Testament, we will encounter the term "word" sometime with the capital "W" & many times not in capital letter "w." What does it mean when it is used with a capital "w" and with a non-capital "w"? (The "word" usually refers to the teachings or contents or message of Scriptures & "Word" refers to the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ (See Jas. 1: 18;1 Pet. 1: 23; John 1:1; 19:13).
- 3) Pastor Val shared in his message based on Heb. 4: 12-13 three major reasons why we as God's people, are to read & meditate the Bible or Scriptures. A] It saves all those who will believe its message! B] It sanctifies the Lord's people & conforms them to Christ's image! And C] It strengthens the Lord's people in their life's battles!
 - (a) Which of the three do you like the most or most meaningful to you & why?
 - (b) In the first reason [A], how is the Word able to save a sinner? (Heb. 4:12a; Rom. 1:16; John 3:16)
 - (c) In the second reason [B], How does the Word make us holy? (Heb. 4:12b-13a; John 15:3; 17:17; 1 John 1:9)
 - (d)In the third reason [C], Pastor Val mentioned about the believer's three enemies: flesh, the Devil, & the world, which of the three bothers you so much? We also learn that we can use the Word to eliminate "strongholds" in our life? Can you share a "stronghold" that you are struggling w/ & praying to eliminate from your life?

- 4) What one very important lesson or truth have you learned from this study?
- 5) The facilitator/father/mother could close this discussion by praying for the members of the family or group (Always give opportunity for people to trust Jesus & receive Him as their Savior & Lord!)

D. PRAYER TIME & CLOSING PRAYER (Father/Mother/E-Group Leader/Member)

- 1) Ask the prayer concern/request of each one & pray for one another. You can do also do this by telling them to pray for the person on their right & left or pray together simultaneously.
- 2) The father/mother/Facilitator can close the meeting with a prayer.