



# HOMEGROWN

## Discipleship

## Stain Removal - 5/17/2020

### OVERVIEW

Just like a stain on your favorite pair of jeans, we have stains on our souls. Many times, these stains are deep-rooted in our brain from many years of active misbelief or sin. God wants to wash those stains (the sin) out of our lives. Scripture is the stain remover that God has given us to fight those dirty things. Will you allow the Word of God to help wash you clean?

Scripture: Psalm 119:9,11; Ephesians 5:26; Joshua 1:7-8; 2 Timothy 3:16,17; 2 Corinthians 3:5; Philippians 4:13; 2 Corinthians 12:7b-9

### APPLICATION

- Last week we learned that in the Upside-Down Kingdom, we need to know something, then we need to do it, and then the feelings will come. How has your “doing” in Scripture this past week been successful or unsuccessful?
- **IOUS** is a John Piper acronym giving us insight on four things we should pray before reading our Bibles:
  - Incline my heart to your statutes. Psalm 119:36
  - Open my eyes to see wonders in your word. Psalm 119:18
  - Unite my heart to fear your name. Psalm 86:11
  - Satisfy me with your steadfast love. Psalm 90:14

How do you prepare your heart for Scripture before you dive in? Is there a rhythm or pattern that you adhere to? If so, share that.

- What is an area of your life that you need to see eradicated or conquered? It could be an unbelief, a misbelief, or an active sin.

**HOMEWORK:** This week begin by asking God to help you clearly see the stain in your life that needs attention. Go online and search “scriptures on \_\_\_\_\_.” Your blank may be filled in with gluttony, pride, adultery, patience, jealousy, etc. Each day, take one of the Scripture suggestions and write it down, meditate on it, memorize it, and ask God to use His Word to cleanse that stain from your life.

