

SECTION 3

LESSON 1: The Appraisal

Unit 3 | Teach Them | Grades: 1-5

FIELD MANUAL FOR
QUEST PARENTS



UNIT VERSE: MATT 28:19-20a

“So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

SECTION VERSE: JOHN 14:26

“He will teach you all things and bring all things to your memory.”



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PRAYER

Think about parts of Scripture that you do not understand. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you. Think about other areas of your life that require the Holy Spirit's teaching. Remember - He can teach us ALL things - not scripture alone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Who is your favorite teacher? Why?
- Jesus promised to send a teacher for all who believe in Him. Who is that teacher?
- ★ How does God's Holy Spirit teach us?
- ★ Who is the author of the Bible?



PARENT DEVOTIONAL

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The Antiques Roadshow: Appraisal is the Key

Have you ever watched the "Antiques Roadshow?" I'll admit I have paused, on a few occasions, to see what the fuss is all about. Personally I don't get it. Paying lots of money for other peoples old stuff? What foolishness. Or is it? I look at these items and I see them and make a judgment...junk. However, someone skilled in appraising antiques looks at the same items and makes a very different judgment. I think there is a lesson for us here. Scripture tells us that the things of God, God's Word, are foolishness to the "natural man" or the unbeliever. Does this mean that they can't understand the words?

Does it look like Greek to them? I've heard complete heathens articulate the gospel message very clearly, so that cannot be what God meant. So what is it? The difference is in the appraisal (1 Corinthians 2:14-16). When the unregenerate man, the natural man, looks upon the truths in God's Word he sees rubbish. He sees foolishness. So how do those who belong to Christ look at the same words and see truth, life, and eternal worth? Who is the expert we have in our corner? Who do we have with us at the road show that allows us to make the right judgment on the worth and truth of God's Word? Who is the witness that testifies to the truth of what we are reading? The Holy Spirit of God. For the Word of God was given by the Spirit of God. And who knows the Spirit of God better than God Himself?

So we should be encouraged, and encourage the children, to carefully study the scriptures, to meditate on them, and to humbly appropriate the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit that we might properly value and apply what God has spoken to us in His Word.

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come." - John 16:13

"... the testimony of the Spirit is more excellent than all reason. For God alone is a fit witness to Himself in His Word, so also the Word will not find acceptance in men's hearts before it is sealed by the inward testimony of the Spirit. The same Spirit, therefore, who has spoken through the mouths of the prophets must penetrate into our hearts to persuade us that they faithfully proclaim what has been divinely commanded... By this power we are drawn and inflamed, knowingly and willingly, to obey Him, yet also more vitally and more effectively than by mere human willing or knowing." - John Calvin

MEDITATING ON THE WORD

John 14:23 | Acts 5:17-32
John 14:17 | 1 Cor. 2:13-16
John 15:15 | John 16:13