

**St. Paul AME Church WINGS Kingdom  
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*Rev. Robert Hodges, Pastor \* Sis. Delores Hodges, First Lady \**

**Bible Study Teleconference**  
*P. E. (Ret.) Ella Samuels, Teacher*  
*Rev. Barbaretta McGill, Current Facilitator*

*The*  
**JOURNEY**  
*From Knowing About God to Knowing God*

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Saturday--August 1 2020 – 9:00 a.m.

Opening Remarks

Rev. Barbaretta McGill, Facilitator

Invocation

Sis. Kelcy Walker Pope

Reading of Scripture and Comments from Presiding Elder Samuels

Rev. Barbaretta McGill

**James 1:23-24**

<sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like." (NIV)

We should be faithful in our quest to learn what the scripture says. Why? Because, according to The New International Version of 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in all righteousness." The New Living Translation says it this way: "<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is **inspired by God** and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." For that reason, it is necessary to learn and understand what God wants to say to us. However, we shouldn't be satisfied with just knowing what the Word says but we should digest it, meditate on it night and day, memorize it, trust it, and apply it in our lives on a daily basis. The Scripture is filled with insights, encouragements, wisdom, promises and praises. It is also filled with ways in which we should live as Christians. Because the scripture is God's message to us, it's important that we never take it lightly. We should say as David said to God in Psalm 119:11: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Also we must be more than hearers of God's Word, we must be doers. If God's Word has no impact on the way we lead our lives, then we will be no different from a non-believer.

Doing what the Word says is not always the easiest thing to do. There are times we might find ourselves saying as Paul said in the New Living Translation of Romans 7:21: "I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong." Therefore I share several tips to help us not forget God's Word and help us to become doers of His Word:

1. 1. Pray for understanding
2. Read the Word;
3. Study the Word under the tutelage of a Teacher or Preacher sent by God.
4. Surrender to the leadership of the Holy Spirit.
5. Obey

Presiding Elder Ella Samuels

Outline of Sharing Session

Directions concerning the Sharing Session

The Rev. Barbaretta McGill, Facilitator

The following persons will share portions of what they learned in Bible Study, while we were in session at the Church and on the Phone, which has helped them to grow spiritually. Others may participate and/or elaborate on the lessons Sis. Motley and First Lady Hodges' lift up, if you like. I will be reaching out to others, so stay alert and check your email. If someone wants to share and I don't contact you, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

Sis. Paulette Motley  
First Lady Delores Hodges

Closing Remarks from The Rev. Barbaretta McGill

Closing Prayer:

The Rev. Brenda Finkley

