



Sabbath School Ministry

Sabbath School Department Inter-European Division

Outline with ideas for group discussion largely taken from the Teachers' Edition of the Sabbath School Lesson prepared by the General Conference SS ministry.

Lesson no.: 01 **31 December 2016 – 06 January 2017**

Title: **The Spirit and the Word**

Key texts: **2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; 1 Cor. 2:9-13; Psalm 119:160; John 17:17.**

A. Themes to Explore:

1. The Word of God is the primary instrument given us by which we may enter into communion with God.
2. The Holy Spirit has always been the person of the Godhead to act as the first revelation of God to man. He has done this through the prophets.
3. The Word of God is truth, but it is necessary to make of it a personal experience in order to grasp its profound veracity, accept its veracity and submit our will to its authority.

B. Learning Objectives*

Know: Accept the Bible as a divine revelation inspired by the Holy Spirit and infallible foundation for all truth.

Feel: Cultivate an attitude of submission to the inspired Word of God rather than to human proclamations or dispositions.

Do: Reflect on the need to give way to the directions that the Holy Spirit gives us in the Word, receiving them as His will.

C. Other possible questions for deeper study, debate, sharing and testimony**

1. **Why is this lesson important to me? (Motivate);**
 - 1a. Why did the Godhead, in the person of the Holy Spirit, act through the prophets to give us the written Word?
2. **What else is there still to learn from God's Word? (Explore);**
 - 2a. What does it mean that the Holy Scriptures were inspired by God and are truth? How do we understand the doctrine of inspiration?
3. **How can I practice what I've learned from God's Word? (Apply);**
 - 3a. What do we need to do and what attitude should we assume in order to grasp the totality of the greatness of the Word and make of it a (personal) spiritual experience?
4. **How can I communicate and apply what I've learned from God's Word? (Create).**
 - 4a. How can we help others to accept the authority of the Word more than their own personal views?

NOTES:

- * Copied from the Teachers Edition that adopts active, functional and sharing principles (Know, Feel, Do).
- ** To compare and use together with the final questions found in the lesson study every Friday.
- *** The questions in red are drawn from the Teachers Edition.