

REFORMASIE 500

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Week 4: No word by thy Word

500 jaar gelede was die kerk in groot moeilikheid! Mense het as gevolg van allerhande vreemde wanpraktyke nie meer die kerk en die kerkleiers vertrou nie. Mense was moeg vir tradisie en leë rituele en simbole. Die kerk het ook 'n baie klein verskil in hul lewens gemaak. Baie min mense het die Bybel gehad om te lees en die hervormers het voorgeloop in die vertaling van die Bybel in gewone spreektaal.

En daarteen het Martin Luther en ander kerkleiers van sy tyd opgestaan. Hulle verstaan van geloof, godsdiens en kerkwees is saamgevat in 5 kern punte (5 "solas" - Latyns vir alleen).

- **No rules but Grace** - Genade is verniet (*sola gratia*)
- **No work but Faith** - Geloof alleen red (*sola fidei*)
- **No one but Jesus** - Net Christus maak vry - (*solus Christos*)
- **No word but thy Word** - God se Woord leer ons die pad van redding - (*sola Scriptura*)
- **No silence just Worship** - Aan God al die eer - (*sola deo gloria*)

Elke week gaan ons een van hierdie sake in ons Bybelstudies deurwerk

Inleiding

- ❖ Kyk na video 4 en gesels oor wat julle getref het.
- ❖ Ons almal weet dat dit belangrik is om die Bybel te lees. Wat is vir jou die grootste waarde daarvan?
- ❖ Watter sake maak dit vir jou moeilik om Bybel te lees?

Wat sê die Bybel?

- ❖ Lees **Johannes 1:1-18**. Wat wil hierdie gedeelte vir ons leer oor:
 - God die Vader en hoe Hy werk?
 - Jesus, en wat Hy op aarde kom doen het? (*daar is 'n hele klompie sake wat genoeg word, so spandeer genoeg tyd hieraan om so veel as moontlik te ontdek*)

- ❖ Johannes verklaar dat Jesus die Woord is. Watter verbintenis dink julle is daar dan tussen Jesus as die Woord (hoofletter) en die geskrewe teks van die Bybel as die woord (klein letter)?

Ons leer Jesus in die woord ken. Ons leer God in die Bybel ken.

- ❖ Lees **Genesis 1**. Ek weet dat daar baie vrae by ons elkeen is oor soveel sake oor die skepping, veral ook oor hierdie skeppingsverhaal. Maar onthou altyd dat Genesis 1 in die vorm van 'n gedig geskryf is en 'n gedig lees 'n mens nooit letterlik nie (*jou Afrikaanse onderwyser op skool moes jou dit geleer het...*), jy soek altyd die dieper betekenis daaragter.
 - Hoeveel keer lees ons dat God praat of sê of aan die woord is in Genesis 1? Wat dink jy wil dit vir ons sê oor hoe God is?

Gedagte dat God deur woorde skep

- Ons almal was al in situasies waar mense ons seer gemaak het met goed wat hulle gesê het (*ek dink ons almal is skuldig!*). Woorde het die potensiaal om op te bou en af te breek. As God deur woorde werk en skep (*want dit is wat hierdie verhaal ook wil kom leer*), wat leer dit vir ons oor die waarde wat die Bybel in ons lewens kan hê?

Samevatting: Ons glo dat God skep met hierdie woorde, ons glo dat in ons deurmekaar lewens en ons moeilike omstandighede **God iets te sê het**, en Hy doen dit deur die Woord (Jesus vlg Johannes 1) en die woord (Bybel).

Saambid en Uitstuur

- ❖ Hoe kan julle mekaar help om in hierdie week meer Bybel te lees – wees baie prakties?
- ❖ Laat elkeen sê wat hulle geleer het en wat hulle hierdie week anders gaan doen of wees.

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500 years ago the church was in big trouble! People lost their trust in the church and its leaders due to all kind of strange practises that got a foothold in church and religion. Tradition, empty rituals and symbols took centre stage. People's lives didn't change and they left the church. Martin Luther and other church leaders stood up against these mal-practices. Another thing that was strange was that the Bible wasn't available for ordinary people to read. To rectify this they tried to take people and the church back to its original design by emphasising the following 5 principles:

- **No rules but Grace** - Grace is a free gift (*sola gratia*)
- **No work but Faith** - Faith saves (*sola fidei*)
- **No one but Jesus** - Jesus Christ frees - (*solus Christos*)
- **No word but thy Word** - God's Word teaches the way to salvation - (*sola Scriptura*)
- **No silence just Worship** - All glory to God - (*sola deo gloria*)

Introduction

- ❖ Watch and discuss the fourth video of the series (*unfortunately only available in Afrikaans*)
- ❖ To read the Bible is one of the most important aspects of faith. What value does it have for you to read your Bible?
- ❖ What is there that makes it difficult for you to read the Bible?

Listen to the Word

- ❖ Read **John 1:1-18**: What does it teaches about
 - God and how He works?
 - Jesus, who He is and what He does?

- ❖ John says that Jesus is the Word. What do you think is the link between Jesus as the Word of God and the Bible as the word of God?

We come to know Jesus through Scripture...

- ❖ Read **Genesis 1**. I know we all have a lot of questions about the creation story. It is very important to remember that this account of the creation is written as a poem and you don't read poems literally (*or that is what your school teachers were supposed to have taught you!!*) You are always looking for deeper meaning.
 - How many times do we read that God is speaking in Genesis 1? If something is repeated that often, it has profound meaning. What do you think does it want to teach us about how God is?

God creates through words...

- All of us have been hurt by inconsiderate and harsh words (*and most of us have done the same*). Words have the potential to build up or break apart. If God creates through his words (*as this story wants to teach us*), what does it teach about the value of the Bible or Scripture in our lives?

Conclusion: We believe that God created through his words, and we believe that God has something to say for our own broken and chaotic world and lives. He does it through his Son - The living Word - and through the Bible/Word of God/Scripture.

Pray and Purpose

- ❖ How can you help each other during this week to read your Bible?
- ❖ What did you learn (one thing) and what is your challenge for the week (one thing)