

# God's Living Word

Hebrews 4:11-13

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**Main Point: God's active, penetrating Word enables His people to live by faith in His promises.**

## I. The Word is Living & Active

"...you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding Word of God." -- 1 Peter 1:23

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" -- Romans 10:17

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."  
-- Isaiah 55:10-11

## II. The Word Penetrates Deeply

#1 - It cuts through the hardened shell of our unbelieving hearts, leading us to salvation

#2 - It cuts through hearts that are beginning to harden to the Lord, to bring us back into fellowship with Him

## III. The Word Discerns the Heart

### Questions for Discussion/Application:

- Consider taking time to read Hebrews 4:11-13 out loud. What initial insights or observations of the text do you have?
- What does it mean that "the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword?"
- In what ways have you personally experienced the power of God's Word in your own life?
- How should we seek to posture ourselves before God's Word in our private times with the Lord?
- How practically can we prepare our hearts to hear the Word of God proclaimed on Sundays?
- What practices/habits have you cultivated to make sure you are taking in the Word of God personally? What grace do you see in your life and how do you want to grow?
- Take time to pray, asking God to help us to posture ourselves with humility before His Word, to receive all He has for us.