



<b>DATE</b>	May 29, 2016
<b>SPEAKER</b>	David Smith
<b>TITLE</b>	Ask Anything
<b>SERIES</b>	The Bible is full of wisdom, and many of us have favorite verses. But many of the sayings hanging on our walls and wrapped around our coffee cups are taken out of context. They may inspire or encourage us, but their meaning is distorted. Let's clarify some of the most misused verses in the Bible.

***If we don't spend time reading scripture, we risk distorting and misusing verses!***

1. What role does reading the Bible play in your life? What prevents the Bible from having a larger role in your life? Summarize the importance of reading God's Word in 6 life-changing words.
2. Why is there the chance of distorting verses when we don't spend time reading God's Word? Share one verse you think is distorted and would love to hear Pastor Smith bring wisdom to the truest meaning of God's words.

Review the three ways we understand scripture, as given by Pastor David last week. Check out the available reading plans at [Fairhavenchurch.org](http://Fairhavenchurch.org), discussing the practicality for your daily life. Which reading plan do you think you would enjoy traveling through this summer? Share other daily reading plans you have found successful. What is your biggest road block for consistently reading God's Word?

3. Read **John 13-14:15**. Pastor Smith stated, "If we could ask anything of God this would make us God, and not Him. This would make God serve us rather than us serving Him." Further explain and unpack this statement. Where of these three areas (family, health, money) do you find yourselves camped in prayer most?
4. Walk through the four areas that matter to God when we pray. Look up corresponding verses as confirmation. Share a testimony of truth for one of these areas from your own personal walk with God in prayer.
  - a. **Relationships matter** – Mark 11:24; 1 Peter 3:7
  - b. **Wrong motives matter** – James 4:3; Proverbs 16:2 – Praying "in Jesus' Name" is a big deal! Pray with a great sense of privilege and responsibility. What does this look like for you?
  - c. **Faith matters** – James 1:6-7 – We are called to childlike faith and faith of a mustard seed
  - d. **God's will matters** – 1 John 5:14
5. God's answers are directed, delayed, denied, or different. Discuss the implications of each one upon our prayer lives. Where in your life has He answered your prayer in these ways?
6. Is there someone you know whose spiritual walk could benefit from this series? How could you casually share this sermon series with that person in the coming weeks? If you personally wrote an action plan to implement the take-away points, what would it look like?

***CREED: My belief in God is not in what He does for us, but in who He is and what He did through Jesus!***