**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. January 29, 2017**

**The Word Works**

1 Thessalonians 2:13-20

**Key truth:** You will never **discover**, **understand** nor **fulfill** God’s will for your life apart from the Word of God.

1. The **authority** of the church rest in the Word of God.

 A. The Bible is a **supernatural** book. 2 Peter 1:19-21

 B. It’s **author** is God. Hebrews 4:12

2. Where people **welcome** God’s Word into their lives,

 the **power** of God is at **work**.

 A.The Work of the Word of God:

 1. **Nourishes** us. 1 Peter 1:23

 2. **Teaching** and **Training** us. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

 3. **Exposes** us. Hebrews 4:13

 4. **Sanctifies** us. John 17:17

3. Working out of the Word of God requires **exercise**.

 A. **Sanctification** happens when we **yield** to the

 Holy Spirit’s power and **submit** to the authority of

 the Word of God.

4. The **enemies** of the Word of God will not triumph.

 A. The gospel is a **threat** to our way of life.

 B. God’s word will accomplish its **purpose**.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls:** Begin a daily intake of the word of God and exercise your faith through daily obedience.

**Connection Group Study Questions**

**Quick Review:** Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**Getting to know you:** On a scale of 1-5 (1 being not good and 5 being very good) how would you rate your enjoyment of reading? How does that affect your devotional life?

Read ACTS 5:1-10, 2 Corinthians 2:5-11, 1 Timothy 3:16: What are some ways Satan will try to hinder the work of God.

Read 2 Corinthians 11:1-14: What is the importance of knowing the Word of God seeing that Satan can disguise himself as a messenger of God?

Read Psalm 1:1-6: Develop a daily reading habit.
a. How does it benefit your spiritual growth?

Pastor Felton stated, “You will never discover, understand nor fulfill God’s will for your life apart from the Word of God.” Discuss your thoughts on this statement.

Read Romans 12:1-3: How does the word of God help you renew your mind and discern the will of God?

How are you doing withbeginning a daily intake of the word of God and exercising your faith through daily obedience? How can the church pray for you?