

July 12

What we believe

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Big Idea: God's Word – The Bible – gives us all that we need to know, follow and serve Jesus.

Remember

Think through the Big Idea. Ask the group to explain parts of it.

Was there anything from the sermon that particularly spoke to you this week?

Why is the authority of God's Word so important?

Deepen

Paul tells Timothy in v. 14 to “continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed.”

- **How do we do that?**
- **Why is that important?**
- **What keeps us from this?**

Why can we trust God's Word? Because it is breathed out by God who cannot lie, preserved by a God with great power.

God's Word gives us all that we need to know, follow and serve Jesus. Think through each of these areas...

Knowing Jesus – God's Word is profitable for teaching

- **How does God's Word help us to know Jesus?**
- **Is it possible to know God's Word and not know Jesus? (John 5:39) Why?**
- **How can we read God's Word to know Jesus better?**

Follow Jesus – God's Word is profitable for reproof, correction and training

- **How does God's Word help us follow Jesus?**
- **Talk with the group about the difference between a religious morality (I obey Jesus so that he will love and approve of me) and a faithful obedience (I love Jesus so I obey Him).**
- **Why is it important that we not add to or take away from the Scripture in following Jesus?**
- **What are some areas that God's Word needs to reprove or correct us?**
 - **Spend some time thinking through this for your group.**
 - **Shepherd your group through this time. What areas of repentance are needed?**

Serve Jesus – God’s Word equips us to serve Jesus.

- **Read v. 17. What does God’s Word do?**
- **Do you struggle with feeling trained or equipped for what God has called you to do?**
- **How has God’s Word equipped you in your experience?**

Transform

What are some ways you need to continue in God’s Word?

What are some concrete steps you will take this week to grow in your understanding of God’s Word?

What are some questions you have about the Bible that we can explore together?

Family Time

Spent some time with your family talking about the Bible. If you have small children, use a Bible that has pictures and that they can understand easily.

Read Psalm 19:1-6. Talk about the creation of God and how that communicates something about God to us.

Read Psalm 19:7-11. Talk about the Bible and how wonderful it is. Read and discuss with your family.

How do you need to lead your family in their personal study of the Bible?

Personal Time

Spent the week in Psalm 119. Journal your thoughts.