

The Word of God Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. Can you think of a time recently that you forgot something (ie. an item at the grocery store, an assignment for school etc.)? How did that feel in the moment and how did you recover from the situation when you realized that you had forgotten something?
2. What are some of the benefits you've experienced from engaging with the Bible through listening to sermons, talking about it with friends, or reading it on your own?

Read the following passages: Psalm 119:9-16; 1 Timothy 4:13-15; Ephesians 6:10-17.

Because God desires for us to know him, he has spoken and revealed himself to us. His word has been written down for us and serves to guide us in order that we may live our lives well—in such a way that would honor God and fulfill his good purposes. If we sincerely want to know God, we will listen to and obey his word. His word is a guide and a help to us in the day-to-day difficulties we inevitably face. Life can be crazy at times, but, thankfully, God has not left us empty handed in the midst of the “fight” of life in a broken world. He has given us his word!

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. The expression “to give someone your word” means to make a promise to them that you will do what you say. In what way does the character of the person making such a statement influence whether or not you would trust what they say?
2. How does the character and heart of God effect the trustworthiness of his word to us?
3. Psalm 119:9-16 gives us the sense of the gratitude and desire that faithful Israelites had for God's word. What are some of the things that stand out to you from what is written there? How would you describe your current attitude towards God's word?
4. Ephesians 6:10-17 describes the “armor of God.” In what way does the armor described help us? As you read over the various pieces of equipment described here, do you notice any element that you've neglected to regularly “put on” in your own life? What change could you make to become more battle-ready?

5. The word of God is powerful and enduring (see, for example, Isaiah 40:8; 55:10-11). It has real ability to help us in our daily lives if we will both hear it and apply it. Do you have a habit of daily Bible reading? If not, what steps do you need to take to develop this habit?
6. Jesus is revealed as the word of God who “became flesh” (John 1:1-5, 14; Philippians 2:5-11). What does this reveal about God and about the significance of Jesus Christ?
7. Have you personally received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior? If not, what is holding you back from taking this step?

Pray