

Guard My words as your most precious possession. Write them down and also keep them deep within your heart.” Prov. 7:2-3

4) _____ God’s Word.

I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

They love the Lord’s teachings and they think about those teachings day and night. So they are strong like a tree planted by a river. Everything they do will succeed. Psalm 1:2-3

5) _____ on God’s Word.

Your life is shaped by your thoughts. Prov. 4:23

Meditate on (the Word) day and night, so you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Joshua 1:8

6) _____ God’s Word.

Do not fool yourselves by just listening to the Word, Instead, put it into practice. James 1:22

Whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5:19

Now that you know these things, do them. That is the path of blessing. John 13:17

Group Discussion Questions

Connecting:

1) What place did the Bible have in your home, if any, when you were growing up?

Growing:

2) Have your small group read together 2 Timothy 3: 10-17.

3) Paul says that “*all Scripture is God-breathed,*” or inspired. How is the inspiration of Scripture different from an “inspired” speech or writing?

4) Can you think of another instance when God “breathed” in scripture? (See Genesis 2:7). Discuss parallels you see in this?

5) How is Scripture useful in these ways?

- Teaching
- Rebuking
- Correcting
- Training

6) How does Scripture equip us for every good work?

Applying:

7) Studying Scripture can simply increase our information. How do we move from information to transformation?

8) Have every person in your group complete this sentence, “I desire to be more intentional in using Scripture to grow in my faith by...”

Application Ideas

1) Take ten or fifteen minutes to experience personal time with God. Find a quiet place and focus your full attention on the Lord. Look up Matthew 6: 25-34 and read it several times prayerfully. After reading these ten verses, briefly respond to these questions, either here or in a journal:

- Who are you, Lord? *You are a God who....*

- What do you want me to do? *You want me to...*

2) These two questions can be used to reflect on any Bible passage. Try this practice one more time this week. Use one of the Gospels or another favorite passage to "GROW" this week in Christ.

Daily Reading Plan

Monday - Matthew 7:24-29
Tuesday - 2 Timothy 3:10-17
Wednesday - Deuteronomy 17:14-20
Thursday - Romans 10:9-21
Friday - Psalm 119:1-16

• Also during this week: Chapters 22, 23, 24 from "Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren

• Memory Verse for the Week: Psalm 119:11

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Additional Resources

- 1) Spirit of the Disciplines, Dallas Willard. *This contemplative book takes you on a journey of using classic Christian disciplines in order to connect you deeper into a life of spiritual reflection and living.*
- 2) The Life You've Always Wanted, John Ortberg. *This book is often called "Dallas for Dummies" since much of it is like Dallas Willard's "Spirit of the Disciplines." While Willard is deep and contemplative, Ortberg is a master of blending humor, insight, and practical life application to help you achieve the life you've always wanted through the spiritual disciplines.*
- 3) If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get out of the Boat. John Ortberg. *Another great book by Ortberg challenging us to live a life of practical discipleship.*
- 4) The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. *One of the great Christian classics... this book will revolutionize your view of living as a disciple of Christ!*



Doing Life Together

Pastor Dave Glesne Growth - Discipleship
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Building Your Life on a Solid Foundation

Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." Matt. 7:24

How do I know the Bible is true?

The evidence of _____

The evidence of _____

The evidence of _____

How do I build on the truth?

1) _____ God's Word.

The problem: We forget _____ % of what we hear after 72 hours.

2) _____ God's Word.

3) _____ God's Word.

The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and helps us do what is right." II Timothy 3:16

So faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Rom. 10:17

It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees. Deut. 17:19

They accepted the message eagerly and they studied the Scriptures everyday. Acts 17:11