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A 7-WEEK STUDY GUIDE

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**God's
Word
To You**

Each session will begin with an opportunity to help you connect with and get to know one another.

How many languages do you currently speak? If you had the chance to learn a new language, which one would you choose?

Play the “[Session Five: God’s Word to You](#)” video lesson.

What stood out to you from the video?

In the following section, you will explore Bible passages and take part in discussion to apply insights from this session. If time is a concern, please choose just a few questions to discuss in your group.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

1. How do the words of 2 Timothy 3:16 change the way we think about God? How do they change the way we think about ourselves? How do they change the way we live and act in the world?



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2. How comfortable do you feel when it comes to reading and studying the Bible? What is something you've read in the Bible that has confused you? What are some questions you have about how to study the Scriptures?

3. According to these verses, how does God's word help us become a mature follower of Christ? If one comes to mind, share a story from Scripture or a Bible verse that has helped you grow in wisdom.

4. In 2 Timothy 4:3, we see that many people choose to ignore the truth of Scripture in favor of ideas that they wish to believe. Why does this happen? Why does God's Word often tell us what we don't want to hear?

5. The Bible is a collection of books, originated from God and written by many authors over thousands of years. What is the next book in the Bible that you want to read or study? Why? How will you take steps this week to ensure you find time to read it?

Read 2 Peter 1:16-21

6. In these verses, we see that the Scriptures did not arise from the cleverness of human authors. Why is it essential that the Scriptures originated from the Spirit of God, and not from the human authors who wrote them down? If the Spirit of God wrote the words of Scripture, then why do we see the personalities of human authors in the books they wrote?

7. These words were written by the apostle Peter, who served as an eyewitness for the miracles and the teachings of Jesus. How do the eyewitness testimonies of Jesus' disciples like Peter and Matthew and John give us confidence for what we read in Scripture?

For over a thousand years, Christians have used the Scriptures to practice a simple form of meditation called lectio divina. In Latin, the practice means “divine reading,” and millions of believers throughout history have found wisdom and comfort from this ancient practice. Each week during this series, we will guide you through a version of this meditation practice that you can use either in a group or on your own.

Begin this time by closing your eyes and spending a few moments in silence, focusing on nothing but the sound of your breath. When you find a moment of stillness, begin by inviting the Holy Spirit to guide your time of meditation.

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Read the words of 2 Timothy 3:16, “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.” Read those words several times over a few minutes, paying attention to every small detail. Focus on anything that stands out.

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Imagine that the Holy Spirit is speaking the words of this verse directly to you. Pay attention to how you feel as the Spirit speaks to you. Notice the thoughts that pass through your mind. Spend a few minutes meditating upon what the Spirit is saying to you.

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Shift from a time of meditation to a time of prayer. Use the next few minutes to share with God what you think and feel about the word He spoke to you. Bring up any questions you might have for Him. Ask Him to lead you to understand and experience His truth.

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In order to end this prayer meditation, simply sit in silence for a few minutes and listen to what the Spirit says to you. Notice what the Lord is teaching you through His word. When your time of silence is complete, thank the Lord for guiding you into His wisdom and love.

During each week for this series, we will provide a simple prompt and an opportunity to write and journal your thoughts. As we pursue a good life of following God, we will find a great benefit from putting our thoughts into words and thinking through how we can put our words into action. Do not overthink anything you write or try to find a “perfect” answer. Simply write what comes to mind.

Please spend at least 15 minutes writing about the question below:

If someone asked you to share one piece of wisdom you’ve received from reading the Bible or hearing a story from the Bible, what would you share? How has that piece of wisdom impacted your life?

This is a place where you can write each other's prayer requests and make notes when God answers prayer. Pray for each other's requests out loud together as a group. If you're new to group prayer, you may pray silently.

Prayer Requests

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