

# FOCUS DEEPEN

## LEADER GUIDE // WEEK 2

### Series Big Idea

The greatest priority in the life of a Christian should be to develop a deeper relationship with God.

### Message Big Idea

The Bible is a critical element in the development of a deepening relationship with God.

### Scripture

2 Timothy 3:10-17; 2 Peter 1:21

### Ice Breaker & Opening Thought

The purpose of the ice breaker is two-fold: first, to get to know each other personally. Secondly, to get your group thinking about the main theme of this week's message and the series. The message this week was entitled: The Bible. What in the message challenged you? What stuck out? How important is the Bible in the life of a Christ-follower? Why?

### Bible Discussion: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Here's a great opportunity to share faith stories. Chances are, there may be a person your group who has NOT yet trusted Christ. Here's a great opportunity to share testimonies with one another. Ask those in your group to answer some of the following questions: whose faith/life influenced you? Why did their story impact you? Share with us how you came to Christ and when it happened. When did you choose to come to Christ and what do you remember about that day. Besides the positive influence of another/others - what other things contributed to you coming to trust Christ? What roll has the Bible played in strengthening your faith?

### Life Application

In order to improve in something you value, whether it be a vocation, hobby, sport, musical ability, breaking a habit or starting a discipline, choices must be made and it must become a priority. Share examples with each other where you'd done that and how it impacted your desire to get better at whatever it was you were pursuing.

### Challenge

All Christ-followers are called to be intentional about the development of their spiritual lives, and that necessitates a connection to the Bible. Encourage your group to share one thing that they can begin to do this week to get into God's Word and to get God's Word into their heart and mind.

**\*Special note:** Life Groups often meet bi-weekly. If this is your group's case, get creative in still making sure each person still does the FOCUS study outside of Life Group on your off week. For example: If you don't meet as a Life Group until next week, do the study with a friend, spouse, or family member this week.