

## PARTICIPANT 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

1. Imagine a world without any religious writings. How would people agree on behavior in civil society? What would likely be agreed on by all? What would be disagreed on?
2. Describe something in the Bible that troubles you, but you've learned to accept it because it's in God's Word.

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

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1. Paul describes Timothy as becoming convinced of the truthfulness of the Scriptures due to his family (grandmother and mother – 2 Timothy 1:5). Besides our family's influence, what convinces you that Christianity/the Bible is true?
2. What influence does the Bible's claim of inspiration ("God-breathed") have on your confidence in its truthfulness?

### Life Application

1. What challenges do you face to prioritize God's Word in your life?
2. What challenges do you face to actually understand/interpret God's Word? (Share with each other the possible tools that exist that can help you.)

### Challenge

All Christ-followers are called to be intentional about the development of their spiritual lives, and that necessitates a connection to the Bible. What is the one thing you can do in order to get into God's Word and to get God's Word into you?