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BY THE BOOK

Truth In A
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WEEK 1 | Why the Bible

PRAYER

Father God, we thank you that we can enter into your presence. Lord, open our hearts and minds to hear your word; let it sink deep into our spirits to guide us, correct us, and encourage us to live more like you. We pray this in Jesus' beautiful name, Amen.

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Growing up, what was something that was said in your household that you didn't necessarily understand or like at the time, but have now come to see as great wisdom you implement in your own life or your family's life?

NOTES

WORD

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

[2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17](#)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," ¹⁸ we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹ And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰ knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. ²¹ For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

[2 PETER 1:16-21](#)

4. The Bible tells us that all scripture is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and for training in righteousness. Can you think of a recent time when scripture was used to help you in any of these areas? Or were you able to help someone in these areas with scripture?
5. If you are a follower of Jesus, how is your daily life shaped by knowing the importance of scripture and reading your Bible? Is there a certain routine you have to make sure you get time to spend with God by reading his word?

If you do not already have a plan, take some time now to ask God to help you commit to taking time every day to read his word.

If you are not a follower of Jesus, would you like to become one? We can pray together now.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. In verse [2 Tim 3:15](#), we read that Paul calls the scriptures 'sacred writings'. Why do you think he calls them that? What does this mean for us today?
2. Read [2 Tim 3:16-17](#) & [2 Peter 1:19 - 21](#)
It is clear that both authors (Paul and Peter) make emphasis on the scriptures coming from God and that they are not just conjured up by man. Why do you think people have difficulty believing that the Bible is truly God's word and that it can be trusted? Do you have difficulty believing this, too?
3. Paul, who is writing to Timothy here in 2 Timothy, is doing so from prison, whilst waiting to be executed. He wasn't sure if he would see Timothy again, so it was important for him to impart this information to him. Why do you think he chose instruction and encouragement, rather than taking the time to complain about his circumstances?