



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

THIS WEEK: Learning to read the Bible well – II Timothy 3:15-17

GETTING STARTED

- What is one thing you are thankful for this week?
- What is one story in the Bible that you've always loved and connected with? Why?
- Is the discipline of reading the Bible easy or difficult for you?

QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (II Timothy 3:15-17; Jeremiah 29:11)

- How does Paul encourage Timothy to use the Bible? (II Timothy 3:16)
- What is God's part when we read the Bible? (II Timothy 3:17)
- Why is it worth studying all the Bible, even the challenging passages? (II Tim. 3:16)
- When you look at the context of Jeremiah 29, how does the meaning of the popular bumper sticker verse Jeremiah 29:11 change in its application? (Jeremiah 29:10-14)

QUESTIONS FROM THE MESSAGE

- When you visualize the Bible as a library of books, what sections are you drawn to first? What are you searching for and what are you hoping to find?
- How does knowing the Bible is written FOR us rather than TO us help change your perspective and practice on how you read the Bible?
- When we say all scripture points to Jesus, what does that mean? (Luke 24:25-27)

APPLICATION

- Placing the challenging verses of Scripture within their proper context is critical to understanding the meaning of these verses. What tools do you use or could you start using to help you understand the context of these verses?
- What does your current practice of reading the Bible look like? What needs to be refined or changed?
- When reading the Bible, do you believe we should start with the big story of Jesus first? Why or why not?
- Take time to pray for one another.