



# God-Given Revelation

## There's No Place Like Home

*God-Given Revelation* is the first of our five values of *The Free Methodist Way*. We are a movement that inspired by the Word of God and submit our lives to the Scriptural authority. More than that, it feels like *home* to us. As a group, watch through Pastor Jim's *God-Given Revelation* and engage with the writings by discussing and responding to the questions.

Open in prayer.

## Opening Questions:

*Pick one of the three questions to open your discuss. If time allows you can come back to the other questions.*

- How were you first introduced to the Bible? How do you feel about the Bible today?
- How do you understand the Bible?
- Have you read it lately

*READ: The Bible has authority over all human life. It teaches the truth about God, His creation, His people, His one and only Son and the destiny of humankind. It also teaches the way of salvation and the life of faith. Whatever is not found in the Bible nor can be proved by it is not to be required as an article of belief or as necessary to salvation. (Paragraph 108 of the 2019 Book of Discipline)*

- What statement stands out to you that reflect we are a people that take the Scriptures seriously. Why did it stand out to you?
- Talk about ways you as an individual and as a church could take the Scriptures more seriously.



## Scriptures can be trusted

- Do you trust Scripture? Before quickly answering, pause to truly reflect that question. Do you *really* trust Scripture?
- Read Matthew 6v14-15. Do you trust this Scripture? What would be an indicator of trust? What might be an indicator of distrust?
- What do you think is God's intent for us in Matthew 6v14-15? How often do you consider God's intent for you as you read Scripture?

## Scripture is our foundation

- To what degree is Scripture integrated into your family's life at home? Is Scripture your home's foundation presently? Why or why not?
- Read Deuteronomy 6v6-9. How might our lives be transformed if we went against the trend of biblical illiteracy and embraced God's Word as Moses encouraged Israel?

## Scripture disciplines us

- Think of a time Scripture disciplined you. Can you briefly share about how you benefited from it?

READ: "If we lose the capacity to be convicted, we risk becoming numb to the Word. It's essential that we avoid what the Bible calls a 'calloused' heart (Isaiah 6v10, Matthew 13v15, Acts 28v27) or 'seared' conscience (1 Timothy 4v2).

- How does a love for Scripture safeguard us against those two conditions?

## Scripture corrects our error

- What is the difference between wisdom and information?
- How would you define discernment?
- READ: Wisdom and discernment are both needed to reveal truth from the Scriptures. It has been said, "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it!" Try to think of something from Scripture that, if taken out of context, leads to misinterpreting truth.



## Scripture points to Jesus

- Have you heard God speak through His Word? Where do you see Jesus in the Old Testament?
- We think of the Bible as one book, but it actually consists of many letters written by many authors, including eyewitnesses. Does that match what you were first taught about the Bible? Does it change your understanding now?

## Scripture is our true home

- If you gave a Bible to someone today, what would you tell them about how they should read or think about it?
- Close in prayer by reciting this passage of Scripture together as a group.

*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. [2 Timothy 3v16-17]*

