



Next Steps Series Scripture & Worship (Jan 20)

What are you doing to grow in your faith outside of being here on a Wednesday night?

Leader Note: What we are trying to get out of this question is for students to see is that if they are going to grow in their faith, then they must take ownership of their faith. In other words, we need them to see that if the only time they open up the Bible, pray, or even care about their faith is when they are at church then something is missing. Spiritual disciplines matter.

When do you read the Bible? What are you reading in the Bible right now?

Why does it matter so much to open up scripture on our own?

Read Psalms 119:9-10 & 2 Timothy 3:15-17 together as a group.

Psalms 119:9-10 How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word. **10** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

What do these passages show us that we will be lacking if we DO NOT open up scripture on our own? What do these passages show us that we will grow in if we DO not open up scripture on our own?

What gets in the way of you reading the Bible on a consistent basis?

WHY SCRIPTURE?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

It's that simple: If we cut scripture out of our lives we will not be equipped for every good work! If we do read scripture and apply it to our lives we will be equipped for every good work!

What I have found helps me stay in the word

- Set aside a set time & guard that time.
- Read a version that you can understand
- Don't start from the beginning.. I recommend starting in John or maybe a reading plan on YouVersion.
- Reading the Bible is all about asking the right question

Next Steps: Leader Note (YouVersion): I am a big believer in using paper bibles in small groups. However, if using the YouVersion Bible app helps students read the Bible while at home, then encourage them to do just that. You can end this group by opening up the app together and picking a Bible reading plan to do together as a group.