

Discovery Group - Basic Commands

(1) Hear God's Word

Accountability

Share how your obedience commitment from last week went, and who you shared with.

Bible: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Read *passage* aloud & someone retell in their own words

- What do we learn from this passage about God?
- What do we learn from this passage about people?

Read the *article* on the next page.

- How can we foster a greater love for and devotion to God's Word? What are practical things we can do to more faithfully be nourished by it? How do you engage with the Bible?

Commit

What is Jesus calling you to do in *obedience* this week?

Who can you *share* this with? Who can you reach out to in order to make disciples?

Abide: Read and meditate on the following passages this week:

Matt 4:1-11;

Romans 15:4-6;

1 Timothy 4:11-16;

Hebrews 4:12-13

Hear God's Word

The Bible is an amazing gift that the Father has given us. It helps us to know Him, to know the truth, to know ourselves, and to know how we are to live in ways that are worthy of God. It helps to conform us to the image of Jesus.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” — 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

In our passage, we are admonished to “remain faithful to the things [we] have been taught” (2 Tim 3:14). Paul mentions two dangers that God's Word helps us to avoid. First, there is the danger of falling away under persecution and suffering. God's Word gives us strength to endure and stand strong in the face of opposition and even oppression.

Secondly, the Bible helps us to avoid falling into deception and living lives that are contrary to Jesus' Way, for the scripture assures us that “evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.” (2 Tim 3:13). We tend to be over-confident in our ability to not be deceived, but the truth is that our enemy is cunning. He knows where we are weak and is able to convince us to accept lies. He speaks through culture, making it seem foolish and backwards to disagree with the current wisdom of the world. We are in danger in the current generation of relying more on this cultural wisdom than God's Word. We need to be immersed in the Bible.

Paul also assures us that God's Word equips us for good works. As we study and feed on His Word, He helps us to glorify Jesus by doing good things and living good lives.

As followers of Jesus, it is essential that we develop a love for the Bible. We can read it alone, listen to audio versions, take part in Bible studies, listen to sermons, and talk about it with friends. We can learn to love it and develop a hunger for it. In truth, we desperately need the spiritual nourishment it gives.