

## 5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

# NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

## 1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

• Verse to Memorize: \_\_\_\_\_

• Other Passages to Read: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

## 3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

# GROUPS

## STUDY GUIDE

### Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

### How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

#### 1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

#### 2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com). For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

#### 3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

#### 4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study - writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

# PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: Isaiah 40:8, 55:10-11; John 5:39-40; 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Peter 1:16-21, 3:15-16

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: February 10-16

1 | **PRAY:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

2 | **READ 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

3 | **CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

Once again in prison for sharing the gospel, Paul writes to Timothy, pastor of the church at Ephesus. At this point, false teachers are coming and deceiving the believers. Persecution is rising against the Christians in Ephesus and they are getting scared. So ~~as~~-Paul writes to a frightened Timothy, ~~he~~-encouraging him~~es~~ to remain faithful to the Bible, where sound truth and doctrine come from. Paul tells Timothy that the holy scriptures are able make him wise for salvation.

The purpose of salvation is to know God in a deep and personal way (Jesus defines eternal life as knowing God in John 17:3). The Bible is the literal word of God that has power to correct, rebuke, train and equip us for every good work. The Bible reveals who God is, it reveals our sin and our need for Him, and it points to Jesus as the only way to God. Staying grounded in Scripture will help us endure all things.

4 | **DISCUSSION**

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. What are the holy Scriptures Paul is referring to here?
2. In verse 15, what wisdom do we need in order to receive salvation through trusting in Jesus?
3. Who and what does Scripture reveal to us?

## TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. What is the purpose of Scripture/why did God give the Bible to us?
2. How does God use the Bible to equip us for good works?
3. What kind of power does the Bible have to help us endure trials and persecutions?

## APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What has been your experience with the Word of God, and what is your attitude towards it?
2. Do you feel equipped for every good work? Why or why not?
3. What is God saying to you today, based on this passage?