

*Ice Breaker* (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about your favorite book (not the bible) you've read or heard and why you love it.

*Talk About it!*

## Part 1

Read Matthew 7:24-29

**Discuss:**

- A. How does God's Word offer to bring blessing into a person's life?
- B. How have you experienced that in any way?

## Part 2

Read the following scriptures:

- 2 Timothy 2:15
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Jeremiah 15:16

**Discuss:**

- A. Pastor John called us to elevate the priority of God's Word by having a personal plan for reading the scriptures. What's yours?
- B. What has helped you to take in God's Word faithfully?

## Part 3

**Discuss:**

- A. What steps will you consider taking to make God's Word more of a priority in your life?
- B. Share one specific change that needs to happen in your life because God's Word, and what it says in His Word, has priority.

## Part 4

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12-13

**Discuss:**

- A. What are you expecting when you read the Bible?
- B. How have you experienced these expectations being fulfilled?
- C. How do these expectations need to be adjusted?
- D. Have you tried the SOAP approach to scripture reading?
- D. What happened?

## Part 5

Read James 1:22-25

**Discuss:**

- A. What does God want to do in your life through His Word?
- B. In what ways have you personally experienced this?

## Part 6

Read Isaiah 55:10-11 & Romans 15:4

**Discuss:**

- A. Share about how you have experienced the promises of God's Word giving you hope.
- B. Share a promise from God's Word that you love!

(Here are some suggestions: Psalm 50:15; John 8:36; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Psalm 91:14, James 4:7; Psalm 34:17; Isaiah 54:10; Isaiah 44:3; Psalm 27:1; Matthew 6:33, Psalm 86:5; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 40:31; Philippians 4:13, etc.)