

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of July 11-17, 2021

## "GOD'S ENDURING WORD"

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

If you received a surprise inheritance, what is the first thing you would do with it (aside from giving your tithes)?

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Read Isaiah 40:8, Psalms 33:4. What do these verses claim about God's Word? Which "proof" of the Bible seems important to you? Why?
2. What do you think about this quote: "The Bible has enough evidence for those who are open to belief, but not enough for those who are closed to belief." (Erwin Lutzer)
3. Some people (in fact, whole cultures) are not readers. Must they become readers to grow in Christ through the Word? Does it mean that every Christian be a scholar? What for you, would "delighting in God's Word" look like?
4. Read Matthew 5:17-19; John 10:35; Luke 24:27 What was Jesus' view of Old Testament Scripture? In light of his character, why is it important to know how he regarded it?
5. If you were talking with a professing Christian who was not motivated to get into the Word, how would you motivate him/her? If a believer told you that he reads the Word but doesn't get anything out of it, how would you counsel him/her?
6. Read Matthew 23:1-8. In one sense, the Pharisees "knew" the Word of God. Why didn't they profit from them? How can we avoid their mistakes?

7. Can you identify some ways that the Word of God is being eroded today (whether in the church, as attack from the world, or for individual believers)? Personally, how would you combat this?

### 8. [NEXT STEPS]

*What God does for his Word reveals to us who he is.*

- I believe in the authority and inerrancy of the Bible.
- I will read God's Word daily.
- I will delight in God's Word.
- I will live out God's Word.

*Don't forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a growing delight in the Word of God.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

July 12. Psalms 119:33-40

July 13. Psalms 119:97-104

July 14. 2 Kings 6:-17

July 15. Romans 1:21-32

July 16. Deuteronomy 18:14-22

July 17. Revelations 21:1-7

July 18. James 1:1-4