



The Seven: Scripture

November 12 | Group Discussion Guide

Begin with a psalm, prayer, and some opening questions (15 minutes).

Read Psalm 1. After reading, spend a few moments in prayer, thanking God for your time together and asking him to make you a Scripture-centered people.

Then, ask, "What is your favorite book?" and "What is your favorite book of the Bible and why?"

Transition to smaller groups to converse about the sermon and the topic of "Scripture" (30 minutes)

- Dan began this message talking about the truth that "God is a communicator." Have you ever intentionally thought about the fact that the God of the Universe wants to communicate with you? How does that make you feel?
- **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:22; and Psalm 119:105.** What do these texts teach you about the Bible itself?
- Can you share a time when you read God's Word and you viscerally felt God speaking to you through that passage?
- Dan also mentioned that when it comes to our priority of Scripture that we want the Bible to be something we "delight" in and "live out" on a daily basis. When it comes to the Bible, do you delight in it? Or does it feel more like a duty to read and study? Explain.
- What sorts of things would need to happen to help you delight in it more?
- What barriers do you face in living out the Scriptures?

- When was a time when Scripture confronted you with something that you did live out?
- In this message, Dan shared four metaphors of the Bible: (1) a GPS; (2) a meal; (3) a filter; and (4) like gold. Which of these resonates most with your experience with the Bible?
- Which feels most distant from you? How can you begin to bridge the gap between your experience and the metaphor for Scripture that has the least resonance with you?

Transition back to one large group and discuss (10 minutes).

Ask a few questions about each person's time in their smaller groups:

- Which questions did you discuss in your smaller groups? What were some of the things that came from your smaller group discussions? What lingering questions do you have about Scripture?
- How is God inviting you to respond after tonight's discussion?

Finish with logistics and prayer (5 minutes).

1. Make sure to inform your group about the study devotions available to help you walk through our church's seven priorities! You can find that material at thecreek.org/devotionals.
2. Finish your group session with prayer requests. Pray that you all would find Scripture more delightful than honey; more desirous than gold (Psalm 19)!