

For the word of God is alive and active.

Hebrews 4:12



REFLECT

1. Think back over the last day or week. What are you most grateful for? What are you least grateful for? Take note of a few moments of significance.
2. Where have you seen God? What is He showing you about Himself? After reflecting, thank God for His gifts to you and for all the ways He is drawing you to Himself.



DISCUSS

1. How do you read the Bible?
 - a. What challenges and obstacles have you faced in studying God's Word?
 - b. What practices have you found most helpful?
 - c. How has studying scripture affected your life?
2. Read Psalm 119:89-105. How does the Psalmist view God's Word? What role does it play in his life?
3. Pastor Mike made reference to several ways in which God reveals Himself to us, both general (Creation, history, conscience) and special (Jesus Christ, the Bible).
 - a. Share one thing you've learned about God through His general or special revelation.
 - b. How has each form of revelation drawn you (or others you know) to knowledge of God and faith in Christ?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does it mean that the Bible is "God-breathed"? How do you view the authority and purpose of scripture?
5. When have you been inspired, convicted, or confused by something you read in the Bible? How did you respond?



LIVE IT OUT

1. Try out a new way of engaging with scripture this week.
 - a. Consider these ideas: 1) read a book from start to finish in one sitting, 2) memorize a verse or passage, 3) prayerfully meditate on a few verses, 4) wake up earlier to begin each day in God's Word, 5) use your imagination to enter into a biblical story or reflect on a biblical character, or 6) read a part of the Bible that intimidates you and discuss your questions with another person.
 - b. What was this like for you? What did you learn about God?
2. How much effort do you put into studying God's Word? What role might prayer and community play in growing your understanding? Is there anything you need to change to give the Bible a more prominent place in your life?



PRAYER