

Life Group Discussion Guide: The Word of God (Week 1)

Scripture Focus: Jeremiah 1:1-3

Supplemental Texts: 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12

This guide is designed to help our groups practice the mission of the church together through the framework of **Up, In, and Out**. Whether you are a new group or have been together for years, use these questions to spur one another toward our shared vision.

Ice Breakers: Getting Started

- What is the oldest book you own, and what is the story behind it?
 - Growing up, what was your favorite story or book to read?
 - If you had to memorize one chapter of the Bible today, which one would you choose and why?
 - When you hear the phrase "The Word of God," what is the first image or thought that comes to mind?
 - What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?
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UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately

Focus: Our vertical relationship with God and growing in it as a group.

1. Jeremiah 1:1-3 emphasizes that the "word of the Lord came" to Jeremiah during specific historical times. How does knowing that God speaks into real, messy human history change how you view your personal relationship with Him?
 2. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word as "living and active." What is something you have been learning about God lately through His Word that feels particularly "alive" to you right now?
 3. 2 Timothy 3:16 says all Scripture is "breathed out by God." How does the reality of God's voice in Scripture help you know Jesus more intimately?
 4. In the context of the sermon, what has this passage revealed about you and your current level of hunger for God's Word?
 5. What is a small step you can take towards obedience to something God has spoken to you through Scripture this week?
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IN: Being Known Authentically

Focus: Intentional friendships, sharing life, and communal growth.

1. Hebrews 4:12 says the Word discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart. What is something currently "heavy on your heart" that you'd like to share with the group for prayer?

2. As we look at Jeremiah's calling, how can we as a group better support one another in staying faithful to God's Word during difficult seasons?
 3. Sharing a meal or "doing life" together often leads to deeper conversation. What is one "win" or celebration in your life this week where you saw God's hand at work?
 4. Jeremiah's ministry was long and often lonely. How can we ensure our group remains a place where everyone is "known authentically" rather than just a social club?
 5. Is there a specific area of your life where you feel the "Word of God" is currently challenging you? How can we as a group hold you accountable in a way that feels like friendship?
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OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically

Focus: Being a blessing to neighbors, friends, and co-workers.

1. The "Word of the Lord" wasn't just for Jeremiah; it was for a nation. Who is someone the Lord brings to mind right now when you think about sharing the hope found in His Word?
2. If the Bible is "profitable for teaching and training" (2 Tim 3:16), how are we practically living out what we are learning in our neighborhoods this week?
3. Assuming you had the skills and time, how would you explain the importance of the Bible to a co-worker or friend who has never read it?
4. How might you be able to get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors so that you can "look out" and be a blessing to them?
5. Who are you currently praying for to begin a relationship with Jesus, and how can the group join you in that prayer this week?