

Asking For A Friend
Week 1: What does the Bible say about _____?
June 5th, 2022

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

Give an example of when you as a parent have gotten the question "WHY?" from your child and it was difficult for you to answer. Or if you can remember a time as a child when you asked your parents "WHY?" and they give you an odd answer.

INTRODUCTION

This week we begin our new series **Asking For A Friend**. To start this series our first week focuses on all of the submissions that basically started with this: *What does the bible say about _____?* So as these questions are addressed, we are going to use **2Timothy 3:16** as the foundation to address these questions.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:16

Read these passages: Have someone in your group read these passages of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE: 2 Timothy 3:16

- What do you notice with fresh eyes from this verse?
- What encourages you?
- What causes questions for you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- Pastor Heather used the analogy of cleaning a spot on the carpet and it then makes the rest of the carpet just look dirty. We can take a “spot clean” approach to the bible, looking for a specific what we should “do.” When have you found yourself doing that?
- What do you think of when you read that scripture is “God-breathed?”
- The teaching aspect of this verse involves knowing right from wrong. There are 3 types of right (Law)- ceremonial, cultural, and moral. Is this something that you understood before this message?
- Have you had moments of reading scripture where you have used ceremonial, or cultural law to determine right and wrong in your life? Explain?
- Does this understanding of 3 types of law change how you will read the bible?

- **Context matters! Is there an example where you have looked at a verse of scripture but not in context? Then after reading ALL of it, did it change your understanding?**
- **This verse also talks about rebuking. This speaks to one of our core values...unconditional love. (Love = Grace & Truth) What has been challenging for you to address with others in the light of scripture?**
- **Finally, we read about correcting and training. Training means to stay fit on the journey. Reading the bible requires a time, a place and a plan. What does that look like in your life currently?**
- **If you don't really have a time, a place and a plan, what could you do this week to address that?**

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- **What was a big take away for you from this week's teaching?**

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer as a group. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.