

# The Bible

## Week 8: God's Word Changes Us

### **Group Time**

#### **Ice Breaker**

#### **Prayer**

#### **Worship**

#### **Introduction**

Something supernatural happens when we read—really read and consider the Bible. God grows, changes, and recreates us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit when we spend time and energy (physical, mental, emotional and spiritual) reading God's word. We are truly made new.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1.** We all have times when we battle shame and guilt. **a.** What has been your usual solution to feeling attacked by shame or guilt? Read John 15:1-5. **b.** What do these verses tell us about shame and guilt? **c.** What should we do as branches to ensure that shame will not return?
- 2.** Read Romans 15:4-6. **a.** How does the Bible give us hope and build our faith? **b.** How can we use the Bible when we're feeling down or under attack? Share.
- 3.** Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. **a.** How does the Bible create growth in us? **b.** When you read the Bible, do you ever think of it as a personal improvement manual or a spiritual guide to wholeness and happiness? **c.** What might you do to make your time reading the Bible more profitable?
- 4.** Read Psalms 119:105. How does the Bible help us navigate life?
- 5.** Read John 8:31-32 and Romans 6:20-23. How does the Bible help break bondages?

#### **Prayer/Ministry**

## **Taking It Home**

### **Going Deeper**

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Romans 15:4 – For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

### **Memory Verse**

Mark 12:24 (NLT): “Jesus replied, ‘Your mistake is that you don’t know the Scriptures, and you don’t know the power of God.’”

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