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# God's Word Guides Us

## Lesson Summary

As believers striving to live in a way that pleases God, it is of utmost importance that we know how to study God's Word correctly, or as the Apostle Paul put it in 2 Timothy 2:15, that we are "rightly handling the word of truth." We learned to ask questions of the text, like Who? What? When? Where? and Why? We also learned exactly *how* God's Word can guide and change us. After all, the ultimate goal of Bible study is not to gain head knowledge, but to become conformed to the image of Christ as God's Holy Spirit takes his Word and uses it to transform our lives.

We know that the Bible is inspired by God himself, and he cannot lie. Because of that, we can trust it to be the very foundation for our lives. The more we study the Bible, the more guidance God will give us. We can count on it for excellent guidance because God inspired the writers through the Holy Spirit to write just what he wanted them to write.

## Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

### 2 Timothy 3:16–17

1. What are the different ways that God's Word can guide us? What does each mean?
2. What is the ultimate goal of Bible study according to this verse?
3. What might a mature believer who is thoroughly equipped look like?

### 2 Timothy 4:1–3

4. Why is it important to “preach the word”?
5. What does that involve?

## Psalm 119:97–104

6. Do you love God's law—his Word?
7. What happens to us as we study and meditate on God's Word?
8. What does the Psalmist mean when he says that God's words are "sweeter than honey" to him?
9. If we really loved God's Word, if we considered it sweeter than honey and more valuable than gold, how would our priorities be different?

### Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

**2 Timothy 3:16–17** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

## **Prayer**

Take time to thank God for his Word. Ask him to make it a priority in your life and to reveal any areas in your life that need to be brought into alignment with his will. Ask God to give you opportunities to share his Word with others—to exhort, rebuke, correct, and instruct.

***Family Prayer Requests:***