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**Day 1: How Can This Be?**

Review the video for this session.

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**Engage**

Read [Luke 4:14–22](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.14-22).

**Consider**

This passage gives us insight into how Jesus fulfilled, viewed, and lived out the Scriptures. He completely trusted everything they taught, giving us an example of how we should live in obedience to God’s Word. And because Jesus proved the Scriptures are true, we can have confidence that we can trust the Bible in our lives today too.

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| **QUESTION**  Isaiah’s prophecy quoted in [Luke 4:18–19](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Lk4.18-19) lists five things that the Spirit of the Lord anointed Jesus to proclaim. What are those five things? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does this story teach us about what Jesus thought of Scripture? |

**Reflect**

Notice how Jesus taught regularly in the synagogues, which are Jewish places to meet and study the Scriptures, and it was normal for Him to do so. This tells us that Jesus was well-acquainted with the Scriptures, which comes when we spend considerable time with God’s Word.

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| **QUESTION**  How does Jesus’ commitment to Scripture challenge you in your own commitment to the Bible? |

**Activate**

Before you do each of the personal devotions this week, put away all distractions. Put your phone in another room, turn off any music, the TV, and computer, and make sure you’re fully focused on hearing from the truth in God’s Word.

**Pray**

God of truth, thank You for helping me understand the big story of the Bible. I want to follow Jesus’ example. Help me to trust in Your Word more than I trust in my own way. Amen.

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**Day 2: Causing Trouble All over the World**

**Engage**

Read [Acts 17:1–12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ac17.1-12).

**Consider**

Knowing the Bible is true is one thing. Obeying it is another. Once we see the truth of Scripture, we have a responsibility to share it with others. We see this in the life of the apostle Paul. He and Silas visited Thessalonica and Berea as part of their missionary journey, but they received a very different response in the two cities.

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| **QUESTION**  How did the Bereans respond to Paul’s message differently from the Thessalonians? |

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| **QUESTION**  What did the people of Berea use as their standard to make sure that Paul and Silas were preaching truth? |

**Reflect**

Even in the face of angry mobs and persecution, Paul and Silas continued to preach the truth of God’s Word with boldness. As a result of their faithfulness, even more people came to believe in Jesus.

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think Paul and Silas were willing to preach God’s Word even at the risk of their lives? |

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| **QUESTION**  Is learning God’s Word important to you? Why or why not? |

**Activate**

Take time to pray for people in your life who do not know Jesus. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share His truth and the boldness to do so. Then step out to share who Jesus is with someone you know.

**Pray**

Dear God, I want to share Your truth boldly like Paul and Silas did. I want to use the Scriptures as my standard of truth like the Bereans did. Help me to know Your Word deeply so that I can better know and share truth. As you open doors of opportunity, help me to be bold in sharing my faith.

In Your holy name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 3: Be Prepared!**

**Engage**

Read [2 Timothy 4:1–5](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti4.1-5).

**Consider**

There’s coming a time when the Word of God will be rejected by many. This is due to people rejecting God’s truth and trusting in what they feel or think is true. We would do well to learn from Paul’s advice found in verse [5](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti4.5). Writing this near the end of his life, Paul wanted to make sure that his disciple Timothy knew how important it was to stay committed to the Word of God.

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| **QUESTION**  What is Paul’s charge to Timothy in verse [2](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Ti4.2)? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why will people turn away from God’s Word? What are the outcomes of this happening? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  Paul said that believers should stay true to God’s Word because a time is coming when people will turn away and follow their own desires. How do you see this happening in our world today? |

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| **QUESTION**  How can we present God’s truth in a way that helps people see the reality of its truthfulness? |

**Activate**

Take a moment to reflect on your own time in God’s Word this week. How has your perspective changed? How have you benefitted personally from spending time in God’s Word?

**Pray**

Faithful God, I know how important it is to remain true to You and Your Word as the world around me changes. As people around me turn to their own ways and no longer listen to sound teaching, help me to be like Timothy. Give me a clear mind and a commitment to serve You. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 4: Tried and True!**

**Engage**

Read [Psalm 33:1–12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps33.1-12).

**Consider**

There may be times in our lives when we begin to doubt what God is doing. We may find ourselves not trusting His leading. During these times, turning to God’s Word can remind us of the incredible God we serve and how we can put our faith in Him.

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| **QUESTION**  According to verse [4](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps33.4), how should we respond to everything God says and does? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does verse [6](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Ps33.6) show us about the authority and power of God speaking? |

**Reflect**

This psalm is a passionate call for God’s people to praise Him! The writer gives multiple reasons to praise God and multiple ways we can do so. It all has to do with our learning to trust God and His Word. The more we trust, the greater our worship will be.

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| **QUESTION**  Think over your own life. In what areas of your life do you have a difficult time trusting God? |

**Activate**

The Psalmist writes that we can praise God through singing and music. Let’s put His Word into action. Make it a habit to listen to worship music as you get ready each day.

**Pray**

Gracious God, You have been so good to me! Thank You for all that You have done in my life. Thank You that I can trust that Your Word is true, and I can trust everything You do, just like this psalm says. Amen.

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**Day 5: True Love**

**Engage**

Read [John 14:15–31](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn14.15-31).

**Consider**

In these verses, Jesus spoke to His disciples and helped them see what true love is all about. He challenged them in the area of obeying Him and His Word. As His disciples today, we too have a choice of whether or not to obey. Our decision about obedience reveals our heart.

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| **QUESTION**  How does Jesus show the relationship between loving Him and obeying Him? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus tell us about the words He shared with His disciples in verse [24](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn14.24)? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  When we read verse [24](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Jn14.24), we see how Jesus spoke the words of His Father. How does this challenge you in your reading of God’s Word and speaking about it to others today? |

**Activate**

Take time to pray that the Church around the world would grow in its hunger and desire to see the Bible as truth and obey it.

**Pray**

Father God, thank You for helping me to understand Your Word on this journey. Illuminate my mind and strengthen my heart as I study Scripture, so I can clearly see Your message to me in all of it. Help the people of Your church come alive as they engage with Your Word, hunger for it, and love it in a fresh way. Amen.