

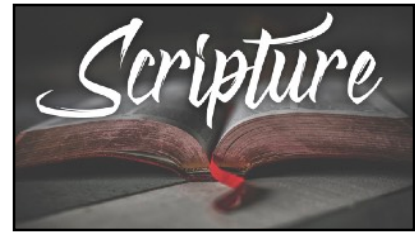
## **GNCOMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY GUIDE**

SERMON SERIES: “**BASIC 101**”

SERMON TITLE: “**SCRIPTURE**”

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### •✎ SERMON IN A SENTENCE:

“Living your life without the wisdom of God’s Word is like walking through a minefield at night.”

*(use the questions you want to use, and ignore the ones you don’t want to use)*

**WARM UP QUESTIONS:** (choose the ones you think will fit best)

- ☞ How do people view scripture (aka: the Bible)? Why do you think that is?
- ☞ What does scripture mean to you personally?
- ☞ What do you think is the hardest part about scripture for people? What intimidates people the most about scripture?
- ☞ How is the Bible different than other books in the world? (there is a spiritual battle over your heart, and Satan does not want you to read it).
- ☞ Without the Bible, how would we know and discern what is true in this world?

◆ **Facilitator NOTE:** As you prepare ahead of time, look through the passages/questions below to help yourself prioritize the things that you definitely want to cover with the time you have available. Try to keep the studies to around an hour for the kids/kids helpers sake.

**James 1:22-25** — “**22** Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **23** Anyone who listens to the Word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at His face in a mirror **24** and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. **25** But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it —not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

- ☞ Listening to the Word of God is a great thing, but why can that potentially be “deceiving” according to James?


- 🗨️ Why is it so hard for us to live out what is taught in scripture? What inhibits us from putting it into practice?
- 🗨️ What are your thoughts on the analogy concerning the man who looked in the mirror and immediately forgot what he looked like? Why did James use a mirror as the analogy?
- 🗨️ What are the descriptive terms in verse 25 that describe scripture, and what are the implications of applying scripture?

**2 Timothy 3:14-17** — “**14** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15** and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”


- 🗨️ Do you really believe that the scriptures are “holy” and that they are able to make people “wise for salvation”? Why or why not?
- 🗨️ What does the Apostle Paul mean when he says that “All scripture is God-breathed”?
- 🗨️ Which is hardest for you to swallow concerning scripture’s usefulness? 1) Teaching, 2) Rebuking, 3) Correcting, 4) Training. What makes it more difficult for us? Which one requires the most humility from us?
- 🗨️ Do you desire to be “thoroughly equipped for every good work”? And do you believe that scripture is the thing helps us understand how to be thoroughly equipped?


**Hebrews 4:12-13** — “**12** For the Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.”

- 🗨️ How have you seen the Word of God be “alive and active”? What does that mean?

 How does scripture help penetrate our hearts? (help: scripture gives us the heads-up on what God requires so that we will be ready to “give account” to the One who “judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart”.)




**Psalm 19:7-10** — “**7** The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. **8** The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes. **9** The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous. **10** They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.”

 Do you crave the Word of God like you crave food? Would you dare to go as long without the Bible as you would without food?


 READ: **Matthew 4:4** — “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

 What in this passage above resonates most with you in your heart?

### **TAKE THIS HOME WITH YOU “TAKEAWAY”:**

-  How are you actively and consistently trying to pour scripture into your life and heart? (personal reading/mediation on scripture; GNCommunity Bible Studies; Sermons; etc...)
-  How are you being deliberate with helping encourage others to grow in the Word of God?
-  Are you putting what you read and hear from scripture into practice?

FINISH BY READING: **John 7:37b-38** — “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”

 Close in prayer.

### **MATCHING THEME IDEAS FOR THE KID'S LESSON:**

— I'd encourage a worship time if possible (youtube works great {Lifetree Kids}).  
— Ask them if they have any things in their life that they need Jesus' help with, and then pray for the requests of the group.

— And feel free to ask any of the kids if they'd like to say a prayer for the group.

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The statutes of the Lord are **TRUSTWORTHY**, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the Lord are **RIGHT**, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are **RADIANT**, giving light to the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is **PURE**, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are **FIRM**, and all of them are righteous. 10 They are more **PRECIOUS** than gold, than much pure gold; they are **SWEETER** than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.”

- Act out the **bolded** words above as you read this passage. Make up hand motions that can represent what the **bolded** words mean.
- Ask them questions like: What is the Bible? Why should we learn what the Bible says? Do you read the Bible at home?
- Make the room dark and have a flash light (probably on your iPhone) ready. Make the correlation between the Word of God being a “lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path” as it guides us through this life and shows us what God desires of us.