

STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 7
WORD OF GOD

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Colossians 3:16 NIV

The message of Christ, the Gospel, carries power. (Romans 1:16) The fuller we are of the Word of God, the more this power shapes every area of our lives. Could you stand to see more of the redemptive power of God in your relationships? At your place of employment? In the community around you? God has given us the opportunity to fill ourselves with his Word so that we can experience the transformative power of the Gospel.

#### **DISCOVER**

Below you will find questions for use in your own personal study, Bible study, neighborhood gathering, or dinner table with family and friends. Record your answers to help you reflect on and share the things God is teaching you.

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Do you find the Bible to be useful and relevant to your life today? How so?

How does the Bible equip us for the good works God has for us?

#### **DISCOVER**

Read: Psalm 1:2-3

What impact does God's Word have on those who delight in it? How would you describe a person who delights in God's Word?

How would the lives of the people around you be changed if you began to delight in God's Word more?

Read: John 1:1-14

Who is "the Word"? And what does this passage tell us about him?

The Bible reveals God to us in written form, and Jesus revealed God to us in human form. Why is it important for us to have an example of the Word lived out in the flesh?

### **PRAY**

Seeking and listening to God in prayer are vital to our relationship with him. Take a moment to encounter God in prayer before you conclude your study.

Thank God for his Word in the person of Jesus and as it has been preserved for us in Scripture. Ask God to help you delight in his Word, and for it to dwell in you richly. Pray that the Bible would be more than information for you, that it would spark a revelation of Jesus in your life, and the presence of the Holy Spirit in you.

#### **ACT**

The best thing you can do to grow in your relationship with Jesus this week is to put into practice the discoveries you've made during your study.

Mediate on Romans 15:13 this week. Memorize it if you can. Let this verse influence your interactions with people this week; share it as an encouragement, pray it over someone, live it in the midst of those that don't yet know Jesus.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13 NIV)

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING**

Filling our hearts and minds with the Word of God enables us to discern what is right and true. Use these additional scripture passages to continue your study this week.

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Colossians 3:15-17	2 Corinthians 3:7-18	2 Timothy 3:14-17
Joshua 1:8-9	John 1:1-14	Psalm 119:1-40
Psalm 19:1-14	Hebrews 4:12-13	Psalm 46:10