



Series: *Survival Skills*
Text: *Psalm 119:103*

Part 3 – The Word
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- 1) Share one of the best and worst experiences you’ve had with the Bible.
- 2) Sometimes people disengage with the Bible because they don’t think that it is reliable. What kinds of trust issues have you had with Scripture? If you still struggle with these thoughts, what steps can you take to find substantive answers?
- 3) Two pieces of evidence for the reliability of Scripture are *history* and our *hearts*. The Bible describes real events in the past that only continue to be verified through new archaeological discovery. The Bible also makes claims about human nature and the world we live in. Do you think these are adequate reasons to trust in Scripture? If not, what other reasons lead you to believe in the Bible?
- 4) The Bible makes many claims about itself – specifically, what it is and what it does. Using the table below, assign different rows to different small group members. Read the item and then the verse(s) out loud. Then discuss what Scripture does in each of the passages (some may take some extra thought).

Item	Instruction (What?)
Sword	Hebrews 4:12
Fire	Jeremiah 23:29
Hammer	Jeremiah 23:29
Mirror	James 1:23-25
Seed	1 Peter 1:23
Light	Psalm 119:105
Food	1 Corinthians 3:1-2
Honey	Psalm 119:103

- 5) One of the key takeaways from this Sunday’s message is that we would begin to read Scripture for ourselves. We don’t need a sermon, a conference, or a retreat to glean from God’s Word. Anyone can know God in a deeper way whenever they read the Word for themselves. If you want to commit to a Bible Reading Challenge for the next 10 days, feel free to go to www.newstorychurch.com/bible and start the plan. If you’d like to do it as a group, make sure to start the plan “with friends” and add your small groups members.
- 6) Spend time praying that each of your small group members would appreciate and live out God’s Word in greater ways this week.