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## Alive The Word

Do you realize the impact you make when you follow Jesus?

### **Big Idea: The Word of God is Alive!**

- Jesus is God's Word in the flesh and He wants to speak to us everyday

### **Scripture**

- John 1:1-5, 14 NLT – <sup>1</sup>In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He existed in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. <sup>4</sup>The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.
- John 1:14 NLT - <sup>14</sup>So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.
- Hebrews 4:12-13 NLT – <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. <sup>13</sup>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

### **How does God's Word impact us?**

- Breathes life into us
  - Hebrews 4:12a NLT – <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and powerful.
  - Matthew 11:28-30 NLT – <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light.”
  - Isaiah 29:3-4 NLT – <sup>3</sup>You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! <sup>4</sup>Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock.

- Psalm 3:3 NLT – <sup>3</sup> But you, O Lord, are a shield around me; you are my glory, the one who holds my head high.
- Cuts to the heart of matter and exposes our true motives
  - Isaiah 29:13 NLT – <sup>13</sup> And so the Lord says, “These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. And their worship of me is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.
  - Hebrews 4:12b NLT – It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow.
  - Ephesians 4:28-29 NLT – <sup>28</sup> If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. <sup>29</sup> Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.
  - Ephesians 4:31-32 NLT – <sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. <sup>32</sup> Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.
  - Hebrews 4:13a NLT – <sup>13</sup> Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes...
- Reminds us who we are accountable to
  - Hebrews 4:13b NLT – he is the one to whom we are accountable.
  - Hebrews 9:27-28 NLT – <sup>27</sup> And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.
  - 2 Corinthians 5:10 NLT – <sup>10</sup> For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.
  - 1 John 4:17 NLT – <sup>17</sup> And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world.

### **Do you have any cherished letters?**

#### **Next Steps**

- Memorize: Hebrews 4:12

- Evaluate: Do I cherish God's Word and expect it to impact my life every day?
- Action: Include the Bible in your life and family regularly.