- 1. Start group discussion by talking about the specific parts of the Bible that you struggle with the most. (i.e. Stories of miracles; violence; moral commands.) How does that struggle show up in your life?
- 2. Read Matthew 7:24-26; Luke 6:46-49; Luke 8:20-21; Luke 11:27-28. Why do you think Jesus says this so often and in so many varied settings? What other texts repeat this same assertion?
- 3. Do you know people who deny that the Bible is God's Word? If so, what reasons do they give? Do you discern a link between their intellectual objections and they behavioral desires? If so, describe it.
- 4. Describe some examples of what it looks like when someone has a "limited acceptance" of God's Word. What parts of the Bible to we tend to accept and what parts do we tend to downplay?
- 5. Which commands in the Bible does our culture find most objectionable? How does the culture's evaluation affect your response to what God says in the Bible?
- 6. Read Isaiah 66:1-2. What is God saying to Israel (and to us) about our corporate worship practices? How do these verses apply to the church today?
- 7. What is the difference between someone who "wrestles" with God's word and someone who just has a "limited acceptance" of God's Word?
- 8. How does genuinely wrestling with God's Word help us understand and appreciate the gospel of Jesus more and more?
- 9. Share with the group one point in which you have resisted to accept or habitually disobeyed God. Commit to obey. Commit pray for each other and help each other as we grow in oberdience.