Foundations Part 2: In Writing

Objective: To challenge us to fully engage the Bible as God's Word for their life .

Read together:

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written <u>that you may believe</u> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing <u>you may have life</u> in his name.

John 20:30-31

Many have undertaken to <u>draw up an account</u> of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to <u>write an orderly account</u> for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may <u>know the certainty</u> of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1-4

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for <u>teaching</u>, <u>rebuking</u>, <u>correcting</u> and <u>training</u> <u>in righteousness</u>,17 so that the servant of God may be <u>thoroughly equipped</u> for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

- Do you agree that our faith is not 'based on the Bible'? Why or why not? If the Bible isn't the cornerstone of our faith, then what role does it play in the life of the follower of Jesus?
- Have you ever taken the time to think about 'How we got the Bible'? What have you believed/assumed about where the Bible came from?
- For you, what is the most compelling piece of evidence that the Bible is accurate and can be trusted? Why?
- In 2 Timothy, Paul says, "All Scripture is useful for <u>teaching</u>, <u>rebuking</u>, <u>correcting</u> and <u>training in righteousness</u>, so that the servant of God may be <u>thoroughly equipped</u> for every good work." How can/do you use the Bible for each of these?

Final Thought: The Bible tells us the story of Jesus and teaches us how to live out our part of the story. This week, make a commitment to your group that you will engage the Bible daily. As you engage with Scripture, be sure to pause and ask God to guide you into wisdom and discernment as you apply scripture to your life.