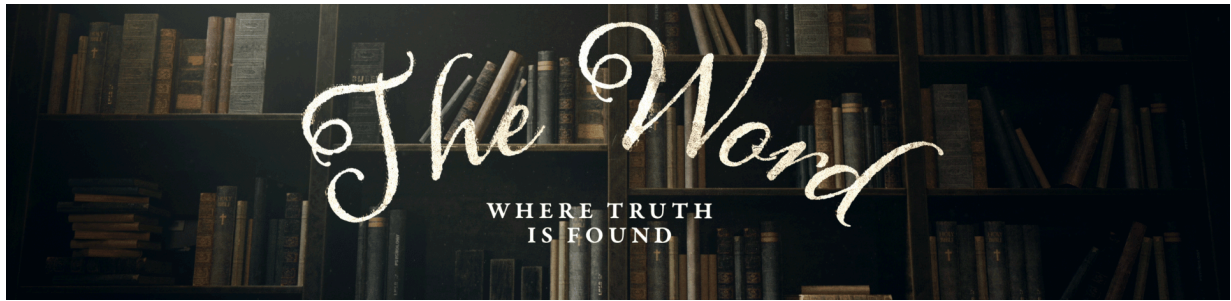




Sermon Discussion Questions - October 2 & 4, 2026

The Word: Week 4

The Word Is: Worth It

Ice Breaker: *If you've been around church for a while, you've heard that regularly reading the Bible is good for us. And yet, most of us struggle to do it consistently.*

- **Q1: How has Bible reading been going for you lately? What does your time in the Bible typically look like these days?**

Sometimes we don't read the Bible because we lack the proper motivation.

- **Q2: What is it like when guilt or a sense of obligation is the main thing motivating you to read the Bible?**
- **Q3: How does that experience change when you're motivated by God's grace and your desire to know Him?**

Reading God's Word isn't about earning God's favor. It's one of the ways we get to know, experience, and enjoy Him.

- **Q4: How have you seen regular Bible reading help you grow in your relationship with and enjoyment of God?**

Another reason we may not read the Bible is that we don't desire God the way we should.

- **Q5:** If 1 means “not hungry for God” and 10 means “deeply hungry for God,” where would you say you are right now? What makes you choose that number?
- **Q6:** What desires, distractions, or appetites are competing with your desire for God right now?

Sometimes we also approach Bible reading with the wrong understanding of our role. We can either try to do everything in our own strength or become passive.

- **Q7:** Which are you more likely to do: rely too much on your own effort, or not put forth much effort and simply “leave it to God”? Why?

Unrealistic expectations can also make Bible reading harder than it needs to be.

- **Q8:** What expectations do you bring to your Bible reading that might actually make it harder to be consistent? Maybe it’s having the “perfect” quiet time, sticking rigidly to a reading plan, or expecting a major revelation every time you read, etc.

A final reason we may not read our Bibles is because we try to go it alone.

- **Q9:** Throughout this series, we’ve talked about 1-to-1 Bible reading. Is there someone you could see yourself pursuing that with?
- **Q10:** Where might God be inviting you to go deeper with His Word—through reading, studying, memorizing, meditating, or simply slowing down and spending time with Him?

Take a few minutes to encourage each other, and spend some time in prayer together!