

WORD

REVIEW

Summarize their timeline & ask if they'd like to add anything major.

PURPOSE

Establish the Bible as the standard for our lives.

TEACHING TIPS

The Bible isn't boring. Without being overbearing, teach the scriptures with enthusiasm!

John 1:1-2, 14

Who is the Word? Jesus

If someone doesn't know the Word, they don't know Jesus

Same in relationships: we know a person by their 'words.'

Good relationships are 2-way streets of communication:

How do we speak to God? Prayer

How does God primarily speak to us? His Word

2 Timothy 3:14-17

What is "Scripture?" The Bible.

What is "God-breathed?" God spoke the words.

In life, what kind of training have you gone through? Sports, Job...

* We must be trained with the Word to be spiritually equipped.

* Like going on football field with 'equipment.' Protects us.

Hebrews 4:12-13

What does "living & active" mean? Still relevant.

Why is the Bible "sharper than a double-edged sword?"

It is the only tool precise enough to accurately analyze ourselves.

Doctor's scalpel sharp enough to get cancer out:

Better to let Him [*Great Physician*] operate on you now than wait for judgment.

There are 4 major threats to the Word: Interpretations, Doctrines, Feelings, & Traditions.

INTERPRETATIONS

2 Peter 1:20 -21

According to this passage, who wrote the Bible?

Draw a line on paper, then ask...

"What made the line: the pen or the person?"

Both! But the Author could've used a different pen.

God used 40 different 'pens' to write the Bible, but He is the sole author.

DOCTRINES

1 Timothy 4:16

What is Life? What you do.

What is Doctrine? What you believe.

Which is more important? Both equal: like the wings of an airplane.



Obedying the Word means doing our best to practice what we preach.
What happens if we 'persevere' at this? Save ourselves & our hearers.

FEELINGS

John 8:31-32

Is believing in Jesus enough? No, we must HOLD to the teaching. James 2:26

Some people live according to how they 'feel' in the moment:
What does Jesus say we should live by? His teaching
Are you willing to put the Word over your feelings?

TRADITIONS

Mark 7:1-13

Why was Jesus' response so intense? Their tradition nullified the Word.

Is there such a thing as a 'good' tradition? Yes.
Tradition becomes 'bad' when it is valued more than the Word.
Are you willing to put the Word over your traditions?

John 12:47-50

What is the ultimate judge?

B.I.B.L.E [Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth]
Like the teacher giving you the answers for the final exam on 1st day of class: Learn it now & you'll be ready then.
Are you ready to make the Bible your standard for making decisions?

Acts 17:10-12

3E's:

1. Eager
2. Examined
3. Everyday

CHALLENGE:

Commit to Reading the Word of God like a Berean [3E's]

Start reading the gospel of John.

Write down questions/comments as you go.

Set up to have a quiet time together & schedule the next study.

WORD: FURTHER STUDY [CAN BE GIVEN AS HOMEWORK]

2 Samuel 22:31 The Word of God is flawless.

Psalms 119:97-104 The Bible gives us tremendous wisdom.

Isaiah 66:1-2 The Bible is worthy of deep respect.

Matthew 7:24-27 Obedience to the Word is our solid foundation.

Romans 10:17 Faith is developed by reading the Word of God.

1 Peter 1:22-25 We are born again through the Word of God.