



THE
ORIGINAL
JESUS

LIFEGroup Study Guide



The Red Letter Jesus // 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Getting Started

- *Larger LIFEGroups may consider splitting into same gender groups in order to facilitate more meaningful discussion.*
- *Groups will not have enough time to discuss every question. Leaders are encouraged to skip questions and make substitutions based on what's best for their group.*

Warm Ups (15 Min)

- Everyone go around and share a “High” from the week and a “Low” from the week.
- How much was the Bible a part of your life growing up as a child?

Scripture Study (30 Min)

- **HEAD - These questions help us examine what the Word shows.**
- Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- Jesus Christ also saw the Old Testament Scriptures as God's holy Word and authoritative for faith, life, and prophecy concerning Himself. When Jesus argued with the Jews, He quoted the Holy Scriptures showing that He considered them authoritative (Mt. 21:22; 22:29; Jn. 7:32). Often Jesus would respond to attacks from men and the devil with the phrase, “It is written” (Mt. 4:4, 6, 7, 10; 11:10; 21:13; 26:31; Mk. 7:6; 11:17; 14:27; Lk. 10:26; 20:17; 24:46; Jn. 6:45).

After Jesus rose from the dead, He taught about Himself using the Old Testament on the road to Emmaus (Lk. 24:27, 32). More than that, Jesus knew He was fulfilling Scripture testifying to its divine inspiration (Mt. 26:31; Mk. 9:12; 14:21, 27, 49; Lk. 18:31; 20:17; 22:37; Jn. 7:42; 12:14; 15:25). He told the Jews, “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me” (Jn. 5:39). After Jesus rose from the dead, He told the disciples, “Everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled” (Lk. 24:44). Jesus saw the Scriptures as the Word of God that spoke the truth which enabled Him to say, “The Scripture cannot be broken” (Jn. 10:35).

- Jesus said the Old Testament was without error (John 10:35; 17:17; Matt. 22:29). He considered it the final authority (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10). Jesus refers to names and events in the Old Testament as history (Matt. 19:4-5; Matt. 24:37; John 8:56; John 6:31-51). Consequently, we believe that the Scriptures are the sole rule, norm, and guide for determining what we believe.
- Have someone read Psalm 119:9-16. Why is it a blessing to receive the foundation of God’s Word into your life?
- **HEART - These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.**
 - Is your view of Scripture the same as Jesus’ view of Scripture?
 - Why does it matter if one believes in the Scriptures as their norm and guide for their faith and life?
 - How would a person know what to repent of they did not believe in the truth of Scripture?
 - Where does an appetite for Scripture come from?
- **HANDS - These questions help us bring truth and beliefs to our everyday.**
 - What are you taking away from today’s discussion?

Group Prayer (15 Min)

Trios (20 Min)

Same gender groups of three. If numbers are uneven, go to groups of two.

- **Spiritual Velocity:**
 - How did you see God at work in your life this week?

- What has God been teaching you in His Word as you've encountered it in this week's Life Journal readings, Sunday message, or LIFEGroup study?
- What's an area of your life in which you know you need to repent or grow? How can we encourage you?

- **Joining Jesus on His Mission:**

- What kind of conversations are you having with non-Christians? How's your 3-2-1 challenge going? Share about connections you're building and spiritual conversations you're having with non-believing neighbors and friends.
- List the names of non-Christians in your life that you can pray for:

- What good can we do around here? (Missional party? Service project?)
- How can we help each other, our neighbors, and our city in prayer?