

WEEK 4

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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THIS SERIES

The Bible. We all know reading it is important (or at least that's what we've been told), but if we're being honest, we probably don't give it the time or attention we know we should. Sometimes we avoid Scripture because it seems boring or irrelevant. Other times we avoid it because it's too time-consuming, inconvenient, or maybe even convicting. So how do we change that? In this 4-week series, you'll encourage students to both see and engage with the Bible in a new way as you help them discover that the Bible **is a love letter, a guide, an invitation**, and something that's **meant to be lived (not just read)**.

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

The Bible isn't just for reading.

THE BIBLE

James 1 (emphasizing verse 22)
II Timothy 3:16-17

- **Why do you think most people feel overwhelmed by reading the Bible?**
- **Have you ever felt overwhelmed by reading the Bible? Why?**
- **What do you find most challenging about reading Scripture?**
- **What's one tip would you give to someone who was reading the Bible for the first time?**
- **Have you ever felt overwhelmed by reading the Bible? Why?**
- **If you wanted to learn more about the context of a passage of Scripture, where would you go for more information?** You might encourage students to use online Bible study tools, read books, study Scripture with others, or reach out to adults who've studied Scripture and whose opinion they trust.
- **What's one specific prayer you could pray when reading Scripture? Read II Timothy 3:16-17. What's one way Scripture has been "useful" for you recently?**
- **Look again at II Timothy 3:16-17. Which of these uses for Scripture do you need the most right now? Why?**
- **This week, what's one way you're going to not just read Scripture, but do what it says?**