

BELONG SERIES – PART 2: DEEP IN GOD’S WORD

Genesis 1:1-3
2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-15; 4:1-5
1 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11

Opening Sharing Question

1. When you hear “deep in God’s Word,” what comes to mind? Why might some churches place a strong emphasis on Scripture over other spiritual practices?

God Speaks – Why God’s Word Matters

Read Genesis 1:1–3.

2. What does God do first in creation? How does the fact that God creates by speaking help us understand why His Word matters?
3. Psalm 1 describes a person “planted by streams of water” who delights in God’s instruction.
4. How does meditating on God’s Word day and night shape a person’s life, according to this psalm?

Sin and Distortion – The Need for God’s Word

Read 2 Timothy 3:1–5.

5. Paul lists many characteristics of people who “turn away from God.” How might ignoring or twisting God’s Word contribute to these attitudes?
6. John 5:38–40 shows people reading Scripture but missing the point. What does Jesus say they are missing, and what does this teach us about the purpose of God’s Word?

Scripture Points to Jesus

7. **Luke 24:44–45** shows Jesus opening His disciples’ minds to understand the Scriptures. How does this help us see that God’s Word ultimately points to Him?
8. **Timothy 3:14–15** reminds Timothy that the Scriptures give wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ. How is this different from thinking of the Bible as just a moral instruction book?

Being Deep in God's Word Together

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:18 and 5:11.

9. What role does community play in hearing and applying God's Word? How does this challenge a purely individual approach to Scripture?
10. Acts 17:11 praises the Bereans for checking the Scriptures daily to see if what they were taught was true. How can we balance trust in teachers with personal engagement in Scripture?

Applying God's Word

Read 2 Timothy 4:1–5.

11. Paul urges Timothy to preach the Word in season and out of season. Thinking about your life, what is one practical step you can take this week to be *deeper in God's Word*—both personally and as part of a community?