

**Wrestling With God's Word**  
**Wk 1/4: T.R.A.I.N. Like A Pro**  
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## LEADER PREP

### SCRIPTURE

[2 Timothy 3:16-17](#)

### THINK ABOUT THIS

During the teenage phase, it is common that popular opinion is more important than any authoritative truth. But we know that popular opinion comes and goes – sometimes it's right and sometimes it's wrong. But God's Word remains true through it all. And not only is it true, but our lives are better when we live in it's wisdom. Take some time to reflect: How can you inspire your students to embrace God's truth as the most important? What inspires you too – in your head and in your heart? What has following God's Word cost you? Was it worth it? What have you gained following God's wisdom?

The **overall main point** for this series is that **when wrestling with God's Word, we can trust God's wisdom and character.**

The **overall series goals** of small group are for students to realize:  
(1) **Every Bible verse is good for us and has authority in our lives.**  
(based on 2 Tim 3:16)  
(2) **Following God's Word leads us to a better life.**  
(based on 2 Tim 3:17)

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

## CONVERSATION GUIDE

### MAIN POINT

**Every Bible verse is good for us and has authority in our lives.**

### GET THEM TALKING

What is your favorite candy?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What's something that used to be popular opinion that you now know isn't true? (For ex: the world is flat or maybe a false rumor)
2. On a scale from 1-10 (no judgment, please give your honest answer) how much do you feel that every single thing in the Bible is TRUE FACT.
3. Why did you pick that number?

**READ [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#) and answer the following questions:**

4. According to these verses, what ways is Scripture useful for us? (HINT: There are 6 different ways!)
5. The definition of authority is "the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience." In your own words, what does it mean that the Bible has authority in our lives?

**HAND OUT THE T.R.A.I.N. CARDS (OR FOR VIRTUAL SMALL GROUPS SCREENSHARE THE SLIDE ON YOUR SCREEN.)**

Have a different student read each point.

As they read each point, stop and ask the group:

6. In your own words, what does this mean?
7. Do you have any questions about this?

### NEXT STEP

**THIS SERIES CHALLENGE:** Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

We encourage you to do it together as a group! Talk about how you can encourage each other to memorize this Scripture together.

### PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students for their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

## SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

### 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

“<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.”