



EXPLORE GOD  
STUDY GUIDE  
WEEK 2



**MAIN SCRIPTURE:**  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

**MAIN POINT:**  
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the most legit source of  
truth ever.

**JESUS CONNECTION:**  
Jesus is worthy of our trust.

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**1. READ**  
*The Bible*

Yessss! We are glad you are here because taking time on your own to study God's word is an amazing way to grow in your relationship with Him. Life with Jesus is the best life! Take a moment to pray and ask God to lead you as you study this Scripture; then read the Scripture (*from your Bible or it's on the back*).

**2. OBSERVE**

*The Straight Facts*

Who: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Where: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Why: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What is Repetitive?**

*Highlight it*

**What is Contrast?**

*Underline it*

**3. INTERPRET**

*What Does the Text Mean?*

*Research answers using trusted sources like a Study Bible, BibleProject.com, BlueLetterBible.org, and/or Bible.org*

**What is the historical and/or cultural context of this Scripture?**  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**What else do I know about the author, audience, or context of this passage?**  
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**What do key words mean in their original language?**  
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**What other Scripture might help me interpret this text?**  
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**What is this text's clearest meaning?**  
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**4. APPLY**

*Getting Personal*

**How do you relate to any of the characters, events, or words in this Scripture?**  
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**What truth(s) from this Scripture can you apply to your life right now?**  
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**What is God saying to you through this Scripture?**  
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## EXPLORE GOD DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2



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### LEADER CORNER

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to have a safe space to talk about if they believe the Bible is true and hear what we as a Hope Community Church believe.

#### THINGS TO KNOW

There will never be enough time or right answers you can give to “convince” anyone anything. This series isn’t about arguing with students until they agree with us, it’s about giving them a safe place to have these conversations and hear Biblical wisdom.

Here are a few extra places you can point your students to in their search for answers:

- **ExploreGod.com**, where the videos we are watching are from, has TONS more.
- **“Why I Believe”** by Dr. Kennedy
- **“The Case for Faith: Student Edition”** by Lee Strobel

#### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

*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

#### GET THEM TALKING

What are different things you’ve heard about whether the Bible is true or not?

#### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you connect with in the video about the Bible being offensive?
2. Do you think it’s possible that a book could be inspired by God? Why or why not?
3. Do you feel you can trust the Bible as the ultimate source of truth? Why or why not?
4. If not, what is holding you back from trusting?

#### **READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 and answer the following questions:**

5. In your own words, what is this verse saying?
6. Do you believe that ALL Scripture is inspired by God and true? If not, what parts do you struggle with?
7. What insights from today (or other ones you’ve heard) can people hold onto as they wrestle with whether or not they believe the Bible is legit trustworthy?
8. How can we be there for others in our lives who wrestle with this question?

#### NEXT STEP

We might be in different places on our beliefs about the Bible, but we can all take a next step closer to Jesus this week.

IF YOU DON’T BELIEVE ALL SCRIPTURE IS TRUE – take time on your own this week to PRAY, to SEARCH, to LOOK FOR ANSWERS.

IF YOU ALREADY BELIEVE ALL SCRIPTURE IS TRUE – try praying for someone in your life who doesn’t. And as a double dog dare challenge – try memorizing today’s Scripture! Maybe that’s something your group can do together?

#### PRAYER GUIDE

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

## MAIN SCRIPTURE

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

<sup>16</sup>All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

## BONUS LEADER RESOURCE

### WEEKLY TEXT IDEA:

Hey guys! We are going to be talking this week about whether the Bible is legit – and is it offensive? It’s sure to be a lively conversation, hope to see you at Small Group this week and hear your thoughts!

### WEEKLY TIP:

What is your personal answer for why YOU believe the Bible is true?

SHARE THAT with your students.

True discipleship comes through relationships – be real with your group!

Remember, it’s not about having all the facts or answers but pointing others to the One who does.