

# DISCUSSIONNOTES

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As Jamie mentioned, the Christian life is not an easy one and God never intended for us to do it on our own. Discuss why we try to walk with Christ alone? What keeps you from being in close relationships with fellow believers? The Church was designed to strengthen and encourage you in your walk. Read **Acts 2:42**. We must devote ourselves to God's word and to the teachings of the Church's leaders just as the early church did. We don't just read the Bible to read, but to be fed spiritually and grow closer to Him. Are you devoted to God's Word? What does this mean and look like? Explain.

If you have been a believer for a while, think back to when you wanted to learn about God the most. Was it when you first came to know Christ or was it when you had been following Christ for a while? When you are born again into God's family, you hunger for His word and want to grow in your faith. But the Bible isn't just spiritual food for new believers, but mature believers as well. Read **Hebrews 5:12-14**. As you grow in your walk, the Bible fills you up in a different kind of way compared to the beginning. The Bible is able to help you get through situations in your life. What are some questions in your life the Bible has answered?

There are so many resources out there you may ask this question: why should I study the Bible in community? Read **Ephesians 4:11-13**. Every time you read the Bible, you can take something new from it, but other people may have a different perspective. Who has been someone in your life that has helped you understand scripture better? The same thing goes for others. People will benefit from your input and insight. In community, you are able to challenge each other and help each other see new things about God's word.

When we study God's word together, we are also held accountable by those we are studying with. Last week we talked about worshipping together every weekend and when you are accountable to other people, they notice when you aren't there. Have you been in a study group to help hold you accountable? List three ways it has been beneficial to you. Read **1 Timothy 4:16**. When you are accountable with someone it makes you less likely to fall into false teaching. Read **Acts 2:46**. Studying God's word together creates strong and lasting relationships. Why do you think deep and open relationships come from people who study together? Just as the early church did, we must study and grow in relationships and not be isolated! Close in prayer.