

# Small Group Discussion

## Week 7



### Chapter 7 – Why Study the Bible?

Remember, teach what you learn and share life, not just information.

#### Coaching Conversations:

Francis Chan's book is filled with many great words and thoughts. Your discussion with your group may be filled with some great words and thoughts as well. As good as all these "words" are, they are merely human words. The transformation that you as a leader are ideally praying for, will not come through man's words, but through applying God's Word: the Bible. As you transition into this unit, remind your group members of how God's Word plays a central role in discipleship ("...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." – Matt. 28:20). Consider how you can continue to incorporate Scripture into your discussion by asking your group members to back-up their thoughts and comments with Scripture.

#### Starting the Conversation:

As you begin your study, ask your group members to share which passages of Scripture have had the most impact on them over the past few weeks. Another great starting question would be, "What they have been learning from God's Word over the past week?"

#### Life Group Questions

1. Discuss your motivations for reading the Bible.
2. Take a minute to think about your past experience with studying the Bible. Which of the wrong motivations are you guilty of? Can you think of any others?
3. Take a minute to think through why God gave us the Bible. How should these things affect the way you think about studying the Bible?
4. How do you tend to respond to the Bible's teaching? Would you say that you approach it humbly with a desire to change? How do you need to adjust your approach to studying the Bible?
5. Rather than thinking about all of the arrogant people you know, take a minute to consider whether or not your efforts in studying the Bible have simply puffed you up. How has studying the Bible changed you? Are you more arrogant, argumentative, or judgmental?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:1–2. What would your life look like if you desired the Word as Peter described?

### **Continuing the Conversation (optional):**

- **Focus on the Verses** – One way to focus our attention on Scripture is to put the passages we need in front of us. In the Scripture attachment for this chapter, all of the verses referenced in the chapter are all collected on a single page. Hand this out to your group, read through them, and allow the verses to guide your discussion. The questions from the chapter that relate to verses have been included for your convenience.
- **How We Got the Bible** – Most everyone has heard of the Bible, but few actually know how we got it. If you or your group members have any questions about this, check out the articles in this chapter's resource section (found online) that summarizes the Inspiration, Inerrancy, Transmission and Canonicity of the Bible.
- **Additional Related Passages:** As a primer for next week, consider reading all of Psalm 119.
- **Memory Verse:** 1 Peter 2:1-3

### **Prayer Assignment:**

Ask God to purify your heart with regard to Scripture. Ask Him to produce in you a longing for the pure milk of the Word.