

## To-Do in 2025: Engage in Scripture Key Scriptures:

**Amos 8:11-12** "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord GOD, "That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the LORD. <sup>12</sup> They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, But shall not find it.

**Psalms 19:7-11** <sup>7</sup> The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; <sup>8</sup> the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; <sup>9</sup> the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether. <sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. <sup>11</sup> Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

**2 Timothy 4:2-4** Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; <sup>4</sup> and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

**2 Timothy 2:15** Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

**Psalms 119:98-105** Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. <sup>99</sup> I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. <sup>100</sup> I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. <sup>101</sup> I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. <sup>102</sup> I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. <sup>103</sup> How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! <sup>104</sup> Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. <sup>105</sup> Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**Key Point:** When it comes to knowing God's word, soundbites and microdoses are not enough.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- What slogans do you remember? (example: "no pain no gain.") Are there any you live by? Any you dislike?

**Reflect, Think, & Share:** Read through the key scriptures and share any observations or questions with the group.

- After reading through the scriptures on this page, what are the benefits God's word claims to bring to those who spend time knowing it? Can you think of any other benefits in Scripture elsewhere?
- Try reading through Psalm 19:7-11 in different translations. Does it add any other insights to how precious God's word is to us?
- Why do you think that so many people own Bibles but so few read them?
- What are some of the dangers of neglecting scripture?
- Many believers in church history sacrificed their lives so others could have access to Scripture. How does knowing this impact your view of the Bible and its importance in your life?
- Kyle encouraged everyone to read longer sections as well as smaller ones. Have you ever tried this? What impact did it have on your understanding?
- Kyle discussed the misuse of verses like Jeremiah 29:11 and Philippians 4:13. Have you ever encountered or personally misunderstood a verse? How can we ensure we interpret Scripture accurately?
- What are some distractions or habits that hinder consistent Bible reading in your life? How can you overcome these challenges?
- What are some ways you can incorporate more in-depth Scripture reading into your weekly routine without feeling guilty if you don't fulfill it?

**Start doing:** This week, take some time to do some "long form" Bible engagement, where you read through a book in one sitting, or set time (30-60 minutes). After you do, share with someone what you read. If you have never read through the Bible, begin a program to read through it.

**Prayer Requests.** Take some time to pray together. Use the key scriptures as a guide in praying the scriptures back to God.

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