

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

WEEK 2—LOVE IT (BOB MERRITT)
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GET THE MESSAGE



Introduction

We've all received great messages from friends, family, or co-workers. But the greatest message ever sent to us is from God—the Bible! He loves us so much that He revealed to us how to live, so we can experience a blessed life that glorifies God. In order for us to understand meaning and purpose in life, we need to fall in love with God's Word and allow it to guide us and fill our souls. Below are some questions and scripture that will help you through this week's message discussion.

THREE PRINCIPLES TO GET YOU READING THE BIBLE:

1. Have a time, place, and plan: SAP method. Read a chapter a day. Start small and let it grow.
2. Know the context: Not all interpretations are equal.
3. Ask questions:
Why did He use that word?
What does this verse teach me about who Jesus was?
How does God want me to apply this to my life?
What is God trying to teach me through this verse?

Discussion Questions

1. Most people have a daily routine. What's your daily routine? What exactly do you do from the time you wake up to the time you go to bed? Does this routine reflect what you love? Is reading the Bible in your routine? Why? Why not?
2. Have you ever ruined something because you neglected to follow directions or equip yourself properly? Explain. Would the outcome have been different if you would have prepared? **Read Psalm 1.** Why do you think we should meditate on God's Word day and night? What does it mean to meditate on the Word?
3. In Psalm 1 David mentions that those who meditate on God's Word flourish and prosper in all they do. Why do you think that is? What area in your life needs a little flourishing? How do you think God's Word can help speak into that area?
4. **Read Psalm 119:98.** How does reading the Bible give us wisdom beyond our years? What does it mean to be a person who seeks wisdom? Who in your life would you consider wise? Why are they wise?
5. **Read Psalm 119:28.** What brings your soul sorrow? How do you think a daily dose of God's Word can strengthen your soul and speak into that sorrow?
6. **Read Psalm 119:105.** What do you think that verse means? Think of some examples in your life where the Bible could help guide you. Is it your marriage? If so, how can reading the Bible help your marriage? Is it an addiction? If so, how can the Bible help guide you through that?

THINK ABOUT IT

God loves us so much that he revealed to us how to live so that we can experience an abundant, joyful life. The problem is that a lot of us make mistakes that could have been prevented if we just read God's Word and listened to it. It sounds simple, but it's true. We're confident that if you start allowing God's Word to fill your soul and guide your path you will fall in love with who God is and become wise beyond your years!

COMMIT TO MEMORY

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105

