



# focus.

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Spend the next few minutes helping your group focus their attention on God.

**sing** | together



**read** | together

Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you my whole being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of your love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love. **(Anselm 1033-1109)**

# read.

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Read the passage for today together as a group. Then ask each individual to reread the passage and mark anything God illuminates.

## **2 Timothy 3:10–17**

[10] You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, [11] my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. [12] Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, [13] while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. [14] But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it [15] and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. [16] All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV)

# discuss.

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Lead your group through the following discussion questions. Help them thoughtfully reflect and respond to God's direction.

**| 1 |** Did anything stand out to you as we read our passage for today?

**| 2 |** Our discussion is primarily about the Bible today but the first part of our passage gives us context. What do verses 10-13 teach us about the context from which verses 14-17 are written?

**| 3 |** According to verse 15, what is the Bible capable of accomplishing? Why do we need wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus?

**| 4 |** For what is scripture profitable?  
Define teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

**| 5 |** God expresses His authority through the pages of scripture. Therefore when we teach, reprove, correct, and train others we stand behind the authority of God through scripture.

Why is this concept important to understand when navigating the difficult issues of our day?

**| 6 |** What is the final purpose of scripture given in verse 17?

# pray.

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Direct your attention now to listening prayer. Follow the prompts below as you guide your group to hear and obey God.

**| 1 |** Individually read through verses 15-17 one more time. Spend some time thanking God for the purpose of His word that stands out to you most from the passage.

**| 2 |** Talk to God about your relationship with His word.  
Ask Him if there is an area of obedience He is calling you to regarding His word?