



**Hebrews – The Sword and the Scalpel**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**[Hebrews 4:11-13, ESV]**

<sup>11</sup> Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup> And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**[2 Timothy 3:16-17, ESV]**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

**[Ephesians 6:17, ESV]**

<sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,...

**Practical Ways to use the Bible:**

**1. Read the Bible**

**2. Study the Bible**

**3. Meditate the Bible**

**4. Memorize the scriptures in the Bible**

**5. Sing the Bible**

**If we want to live in the promise of God's rest in our life we need the scalpel of God's word to work at the core of who we are.**

**[James 1:19-22, ESV]**

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. <sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

**[Psalms 119:105, ESV]**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

**[John 1:1 & 14, ESV]**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God..... <sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## **Key Points:**

### Practical Ways to use the Bible:

1. Read the Bible
2. Study the Bible
3. Meditate on the Bible
4. Memorize the Bible
5. Sing the Bible

## **Applications for the Week:**

This week take time to pray and ask God, "What steps of obedience do I need to take?" Listen, write it down, and act on those steps. Commit to reading your Bible and inviting the Word to change and transform you from the inside out.

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What are some of the life-giving priorities in which you and your family invest your time, energy, or resources?
2. What are some tools that facilitate you growing in these areas?
3. If we're trying to stay the course of faith, what is the destination?
4. Is your daily living and decisions affected by the Word of God?
5. What actions do you need to put into place in order to align your life in obedience to God's word?
6. How is the Bible essential to giving clarity, direction, and framework for your faith journey? How often do you turn to Scripture as a tool or "weapon" from the Lord?
7. What happens when we rehearse (read, study, meditate, memorize, and sing) the Bible, both internally and externally?
8. Why does God want us to enter into rest? How has He modeled that in the Bible?
9. Are you on the path to rest and peace in Jesus? What does that look like?