

## **9.22.19 - Big Story of the Bible: Practice of Reading Scripture - Tim Knipp**

### **Leader Prep Section**

- Prepare by reading through the questions and scripture passage so that you can select a **few** questions that are best suited to your group.
- Try to work through at least one question from each of the sections - Hook, Book, Look, Took in order to move from observation to application.
- When possible spend time in prayer for each member of your group.

### **Goal: Encourage the discipline of Bible reading**

#### **Hook** - Ice breaker type questions to help make the transition into the study time.

- What are some things that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
- What's your favorite story / passage in the Bible and why?

#### Background / Reading

#### **Deuteronomy 8:1-3**

- Does anyone have any questions about this passage? Or observations that stand out to you immediately? (Remind those who share that we'll likely return to their ideas in our discussion!)

#### **Book** - These questions are designed to get you into the text itself.

- How were the Israelites supposed to live on God's Word and not on bread alone? What would v. 3 have meant to them?

#### **Look** - These questions will take you on a deeper look at what the passage means for us today.

- Why was knowing God's Word important for the Israelites? Why is it important for us today?
- How can we experience Bible reading as life giving, instead of something we just have to do?

#### **Took** - These questions are focused on applying the big idea from the text to our lives.

- What does your relationship with God's Word look like right now? How often do you read / listen? What are you reading right now? Has it been encouraging for you?
- What are some ways you want to grow in your love of the Word this year?
- What are some barriers you face as you set out to know God's Word better? (lack of time / motivations, distractions, not knowing where to start, not understanding)
- Have you ever used a Bible reading plan before? How did it go?
- How can we, as a group, encourage each other in our understanding of the Bible?
- Pray using Psalm 119

#### Bible Reading Plans:

- <https://www.ligonier.org/blog/bible-reading-plans/>
- YouVersion app