**WEEK 3 | 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 | THE BIBLE IS USEFUL**

**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

How did this week’s Personal Bible Study help you better understand how the Bible is useful? Based on our study thus far, what gives the Bible its usefulness?

Scripture is “profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” but scripture also says that “the heart is deceitful above all things” (Jeremiah 17:9). What are some strategies we can use to keep our “deceitful hearts” from avoiding or ignoring the teaching, reproof, correction and training of scripture?

In 12 steps programs everyone is encouraged to have a “sponsor”, someone who you give permission to speak hard truths into your life. Timothy had Paul. The Israelites had Moses. The Apostles had Jesus. Do you think this model would be helpful in our spiritual growth? Why or why not? Talk about how you might seek, find, develop a relationship with, and partner with a “spiritual sponsor” in your spiritual growth.

Together make a list of the traits that make a person a good “spiritual guide” and write them down. Personally, write down the name of a spiritual guide or mentor that God has put in your life. Are you willing to reach out to the person in the next week and ask them to be your spiritual mentor?

What is the Bible useful for? Are you willing to be used?