

Life Group Discussion Guide

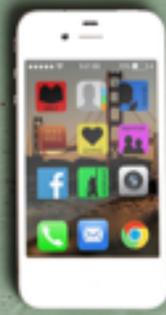
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE TRUTH

Hebrews 4:12-13

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FAVORITE
THINGS



INTRODUCTION

Because of the resources the internet has to offer, we can experience the Word of God like never before. With just a click of the mouse, we can access the Bible in thousands of languages, many different versions and various print sizes. We have access to audio Bibles, where someone reads the words to us. There are Bibles with commentaries and dictionaries attached and even Bibles with videos incorporated into the scriptures.

How wonderful it is to have God's holy and inspired Word at our fingertips. The words and lessons inside the Bible make it precious to us. So whether it's an old worn book or words written on the internet, the truth of God's word is what makes it special.

DISCUSSION STARTER

1. Do you like reading books on an electronic device or do you prefer an actual book with paper pages? How about when it comes to reading the Bible? Why?
2. Trusting their words and wisdom, from whom in your life have you sought counsel? Why?

EVALUATE IT

1. When you think about the Bible, what comes to mind? Is it a rule book, an amazing story, a book that's really tough to understand or the promises of a loving father?
2. Read Hebrews 4:12-13. What does it mean God's Word is "living?" Active? That it penetrates? How does it judge the thoughts and attitudes of the heart?
3. Stuart said, "When the truth about sin goes away, there is a slippery slope that leads straight into a cesspool of Godlessness." Where have you seen the authority of God's Word challenged or discredited?
4. Stuart called the Bible a book of forgiveness. Why would he call it that?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. Do you trust God's Word (the Bible) and give it a place of authority in your life? If so, why? If not, what questions or roadblocks get in the way of your being able to trust what God says in the Bible?
2. How does knowing that the words of Scripture are the words of God give you confidence?

ILLUSTRATION

John Wycliffe was banished as Oxford's Professor of Divinity and branded "an instrument of the Devil ... the author of schism." But he was to win world acclaim for his masterful translation of the Scriptures into the English vernacular. That translation not only infused a new depth and beauty into the English language but imparted to all who read it, the good news of God's saving grace. Having been driven into virtual exile by the hypocritical alliance of church and state authorities, he knew full well they would now unite to destroy his translation of the Bible. Therefore, with a bold defiance of all their threats and evil imaginings against him, Wycliffe wrote in the flyleaf of his Bible: "This Bible is translated and shall make possible a government of the people, by the people, and for the people."

Little did he know that five hundred years later his words would be immortalized by the president of a new government, founded on the shores of a new continent, as he arose to dedicate a blood-drenched battlefield. —Stuart P. Garver, *Our Christian Heritage*



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