

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 3-5-2023

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What has your opinion of the news reporting in our day been? Without getting political in your group, how much do you trust what you hear from these news outlets?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Hebrews 4:12-16 "Foundations"

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17 together.

1. What does the text say about the Scriptures and how they provide for the Christian's life?
2. What is the emphasis of vrs. 14-15 for Timothy to hear? Who taught Timothy these things(2 Tim. 1:1-2, 5)?
3. How important has the teaching and learning of Scripture been to your life? Who have been the people who taught you? Who have you taught?
4. What is the meaning you find in your phone dictionary of the four actions listed in vs. 16?
5. Knowing what these terms mean, how have they impacted your understanding of the Bible and the practical way to implement it? What examples do you have?
6. According to vs. 17, how does the importance of our understanding of the Bible impact how we now live? How have you witnessed this in your life?
7. In what areas of your life do you need more "equipping"? How will you apply this lesson for your "equipping," over this next year?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?