

PART TWO: RESTORE // Embracing Biblical Truth

//INTRODUCTION//

Welcome back to Life Groups, we are in week two of our new series called “Restore.” This week we are looking at what it means to not only embrace biblical truth but how we can live it out in our normal daily lives.

//WEEKEND REWIND//

As you have had time to reflect and think about this past week’s message, what are the things that either challenged you or caused you to take action in your own life?

//GETTING TO KNOW YOU//

Your God story is a great way for people to truly get to know you and understand who you really are. Your God story is all about the amazing things God has done in your life. It’s about the experience, strength and hope you have because of who God is and what He has done. As the leader(s) of the group, take five minutes to share your God story and then ask for one person in the group to share theirs next week.

//WEEKLY REVIEW//

Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Attacked by false teachers and the overwhelming pressures of a growing ministry, Timothy could easily have abandoned his faith or changed his message to please others. Once again Paul counseled Timothy to look to his past, and to hold to the basic teachings about Jesus that are eternally true. Like Timothy, we are surrounded by false teachings about Jesus. But we must not allow our society to distort or crowd out God’s eternal truth. We must, as Christ followers, spend time daily reflecting on and embracing the truth that is found in God’s word, the Bible.

1. How do you nurture your personal devotional life and why is this important to your spiritual growth?

Read: Ephesians 4:14-24

Christ is the truth and the Holy Spirit who guides the church is the Spirit of truth. As Christ-Followers, we should be honest and our actions should reflect who Christ is. Speaking the truth in love is not always easy, convenient or pleasant, but it is necessary if the church is going to do Christ’s work in the world.

2. What does “Speak the truth in love” mean to you and how do you practice it in your daily life?

//DISCUSSION QUESTIONS//

3. What is a verse or story from the Bible that has been meaningful to you and why?
4. 2 Timothy 3:14 says, "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it." Consistent biblical learning convinces me of my convictions.

Who are you learning from (who is discipling you)? Who are you teaching (who are you discipling)?

5. What are some practical steps you can commit to going forward to get Scripture embedded into your life deeper than it's ever been?

SUGGESTED ANSWERS:

- Read the Bible (or listen to an audio Bible) consistently.
- Memorize verses.
- Turn to Scripture as the filter for making decisions.
- Post verses on social media.
- Set verses to song.
- Memorize kids' Bible songs.
- Frame verses around your house.
- Send encouraging texts to friends with verses.

//MOVING FORWARD//

Restoration is inconsistent without embracing biblical truth. As we intentionally devote time daily to reading and studying what the Bible teaches, it will build and shape our beliefs, knowledge, and understanding of God's Word so that in return we can interpret the world and events in it through the lens of scripture.

//CLOSING PRAYER//

Take time this week to pray together and for each other as a group. Pray that God would make His word come alive and his truths ring loudly in our lives this week so that we as Christ-Followers can fully and lovingly embrace them.

//CHANGE YOUR MIND//

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it." **2 Timothy 3:14** [NIV]