

## Values Week # 1 – God’s Word

**Pray First!** Pray that your time together would be led by the Holy Spirit and that He would guide your conversation, your love and care for one another and that your hearts would be open to all He has for you in this time of study.

To open your time together, talk about why you think it’s important to have values...as a person, as a family, as a church. If you have spent time defining your values, feel free to share them with your group!

Pastor Jeff opened this series talking about the values of Crossroads Church. The first of the values we will be spending time talking about through this series is God’s Word.

Our first value is:

**God’s WORD** – Proclaiming and holding to the Bible as our authority.

1) When you hear this is our first value, what is your reaction? What does it mean to you that the Bible is our authority?

### 2) Read II Timothy 4:2-5

- a. What are some of the points that stand out to you in this scripture?
- b. How does this address the culture and the desire many have to change God’s WORD?

### Watch the video clip

Share what stands out to you from this teaching.

Jeff talked about the “new church retention and outreach strategy” for many churches. It’s to tear pages out of the Bible. To tell people what they want to hear.

- How have you seen that happen in today’s culture? What is the cost of this happening in our world today?
- “When we walk away from the truth we have nothing to stand on”. Do you believe that to be true? Why?
- People do this because they don’t want to hurt people. Why is it actually unloving to not teach the full Gospel?

### Read Hebrews 4:12-13

- How have you experienced the power of the living WORD?
- How would you describe what God’s WORD means in your own life?

### **Read II Timothy 3:12-17**

- What are things you can do to “remain faithful to what you’ve been taught”?
- If you have children or grandchildren, what are some things you can be doing to train them in God’s WORD?
- God uses His WORD to equip his people to do every good work. What is God equipping you for today?
- Talk about the ways you are (or aren’t) spending time in the Word of God each day. What do you need to do to create a culture, a habit, and a hunger for God’s WORD?

**Pray** for the needs of the people in your group, for the WORD of God to infiltrate our culture, and how you as individuals, families and a small group could be used to make a difference!

For study during the week: (spend time reading and processing these passages of scripture throughout the week – what do they say about the truth of God’s WORD and why it’s important to know and live it.

- Psalm 19:7-11
- 1 Corinthians 9:24-28
- II Timothy 3:12-17
- 11 Timothy 4:12-13
- Hebrews 4:12-13
- I Peter 1:3-9
- Ephesians 5:6-14