

## **WEEK 2: The Life-Giving Word**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Is there any hope that Bible reading could be transformed from an academic pursuit to a passionate life-giving experience? The answer to this is a resounding “Yes”! Today we are going to be talking about one of the keys to make your Bible reading come alive. You do not need to be a Bible scholar or a theology expert to have an awesome experience hearing from God as you open the pages of the Bible.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Passion is a huge motivator in life. What is something that you happen to be passionate about and how does that play itself out in your life?
2. Have you struggled with a lack of passion in your own experience reading the Bible? What is the most discouraging thing about your Bible reading experience?
3. Read John 5:39-40. Jesus was talking to religious leaders who had some misunderstanding about how to approach the Scriptures. What ways do you feel like you may misunderstand how to interact with the Bible?
4. Read Hebrews 4:12. Talk for a few minutes about the concept of the Bible being “alive”. What does that mean to you?
5. Read John 16:13. Jesus was teaching His friends about the Holy Spirit who would be the key to leading and teaching them in the future. Discuss potential ways we can interact with the Holy Spirit as we read the Bible.
6. Read Revelation 3:22. Share one way the Holy Spirit has opened your eyes or ears to something you previously did not understand?

### **MOVING FORWARD**

*A prayer: “Dear God, teach me to hear the Holy Spirit as I read the Bible. Help me to learn this practice by taking special note of the things I believe You are saying to me.*