



# TALK IT OVER

*Our Talk It Over is designed to prompt insights, questions and dialogue based on the life experience of each participant. Using these in a group setting after hearing the message is similar to the practices of the early church in Israel. Choose just one or a few of the questions to consider this week.*

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## WARM UP:

Think about a book, song, or movie that has changed the way you see the world. What made it so impactful?

## DISCUSS:

1. Why do you think it's important to "dance with the biblical text" rather than simply read it for information?
2. How do the Bible's ancient perspectives provide a needed voice from outside our modern culture?
3. What are some dangers of worshiping the Bible itself rather than the God it reveals?
4. How does keeping the Bible in its historical and cultural context help prevent misunderstanding?
5. In what ways do Jesus' teachings and life serve as the ultimate guide for how we interpret scripture?
6. When was the last time you felt the Bible truly spoke into your personal situation? What did that experience teach you?
7. How can you make reading and engaging scripture a regular part of your daily rhythm?
8. What's one step you could take to seek guidance or deeper understanding of a difficult passage?
9. Where might you need to let go of rigid or overly literal interpretations and instead listen for God's Spirit?
10. How can the themes of scripture, tradition, and personal experience work together to shape your faith this week?



## APPLY:

Spend 10 to 15 minutes each day reading a short passage (e.g., one Psalm, or a section of a Gospel). Don't just analyze -- ask, "What might God's Spirit be saying to me through this?"

## PRAY:

Lord, thank you for giving us the gift of your word—ancient and alive. Thank you that through these texts you continue to speak, challenge, and guide us. Teach us to read with open hearts, to listen for your Spirit's voice, and to follow what you reveal. May we always look to Jesus as our ultimate guide and model. Strengthen us to live out your truth in our everyday lives. Amen.