

# Post Tenebras Lux- The Word of God in the hands of people.

## Sermon Notes

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### Bible Statistics.

- The top 5 selling English Translations: NIV, KJV, NLT, NKJV, ESV
- There are now translations of the Bible in over 2000 languages.
- There are 50 Bibles sold each minute globally.
- There are 168,000 Bibles distributed each day in America alone.
- The Bible, as you know it: chapters added in 1238 by Cardinal Hugo de S. Caro and verses added in 1551 by Robertus Stephanus.
- The Bible can be read aloud in 70 hours.

### *Why is the Bible such a big deal?*

*"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."* **Psalm 119:105** KJV

- The word of God illuminates where we are standing, as a lamp would do.
- The Word of God is also like that flashlight that tells us what is ahead.

### **Jesus, the living Word, has become the light that gives life. John 1:1-5**

- Jesus is the living testament that encompasses the entirety of the Word of God. (1)
- He is the source of all truth and all that has life. (2)
- His life as the living Word gives light to all. (4)
- That light exposes all that is not of God. (5)

### **The Word is the tool God uses for shaping us. 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

- The Word makes you wise for salvation, especially to learn it young. (15)
- The Word is God's breath upon us. It comes from the very heart and lungs of God. (16a)
- The Word provides the facts and the manner by which we are shaped by each other. (16b)
- The Word is there to equip us to all that is good and that which is from God. (17)

**The Word is the protective guard for the teacher and learner. 1 Timothy 4:13-16**

- It is to be publicly read, preached, and taught. (13)
- It is the “ultrasound” that reveals the truth of the way you live. (16)
- It is the standard by which doctrine is to be formed and aligned. (16)

**The value of the Word of God in our hands.**

- We can know the truth that secures our standing and guides our steps.
- We can know who God is and who we are.
- We can know how to live, because we have the life and teachings found in Jesus Christ.