

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

POST TENEBRAS LUX --- (AFTER DARKNESS, LIGHT) The Word of God in the Hands of People

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(Choose the best question(s) for your group)

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Below are some discussion questions relating to a recent sermon. These are provided so that your Life Group can discuss what was shared. Previous Weeks' Discussion Guides and Sermon Notes are available through the [Sermons under the Resources menu](#). Click on the sermon series and then the sermon you are interested in to open it. You will see Paper icon under the sermon title. Click the icon to open the sermon notes. To listen to the sermon click on the speaker icon.

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.

TEXTS: Psalm 119:105; John 1:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 1 Timothy 4:13-16

1. Despite the fact that there are numerous translations of the Bible available to us, many still do not actually read/study it. Have a conversation about why many of us just don't read/study the Bible regularly and how your Life Group could help change that.
2. There are some important skills needed to understand and study the Bible without misinterpreting what it says. One proven method is called "Inductive" Bible study. What is your method/plan for studying the Scriptures aside from the weekly teachings at LEFC?
3. If we study the Bible only for knowledge, it will *never* transform us. Read Romans 12:1,2 and discuss how the study of God's Word has the power to renew our minds (what does that mean??) What must we do to make sure that happens?
4. One teaching about the Bible is called "verbal plenary inspiration". It is a key doctrine that claims the scriptures were written without error in the original manuscripts. Discuss how this is possible based upon what you know about the Bible. Why is this doctrine so important?