What do people mean when they say, "I give you my word"? Why has God given us his word? What does he want us to do with it?

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## Dig In!

### Read 2 Timothy 3:12-17

- Why do we need to know that all scripture is breathed out by God? (v. 16)
- How does the teaching we heard about inerrancy, canonicity and transmission increase confidence in the value of the Bible as God's word? What do you need to do if you're still unsure?
- What are we encouraged to do even if persecuted for what God says is true? (v. 14-15) Why do you trust the Bible?
- Has there been any part of God's word that you've faced persecution (mild or harsh) for? Why did you make your stand on that truth? (v. 12)
- How are we meant to use the word of God? (v.16-17) Give some examples of how you use Scripture to correct your thinking or train you for righteousness.

# Read John 5:37-40

- What reasons does Jesus give to explain why some people do not accept him as sent by God?
- How does the word of God reveal Jesus as Lord? Does every area of your life reflect the belief that Jesus is Lord? How can you gain more integrity between your faith, thoughts and actions?

# Read Hebrews 4:11-13

- Why should we consider God's word carefully? What does this passage say God's word can do?
- In light of the exhortation to strive for the rest God promises, what should we do when his word cuts us to our moral core and exposes what is in our hearts?

#### Break Out!

Have you taken God at his word? How does the faith you have in what God says play out in practical ways in your spiritual life? Be specific where possible.

Have you ignored any of God's clear messages from Scripture? What are you doing or thinking that must come back under the authority of what God says?