

# WEEK 7 - DEEP & WIDE

Fall Focus 2023 // Canopy Guide

On Purpose // Spiritual Disciplines

## CONVERSATION STARTERS

Use the questions below to kickstart a community building, all-play conversation that connects to our weekly topic. If your group meets for dinner, these might be great questions to share around a table.

- What is your favorite Bible story or scripture?
- What have you learned from someone who is in a different age group than you? (someone older, someone younger)
- What type of learner are you - wide or deep?

## YOUTUBE VIDEO INTRO

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## STUDY GUIDE

The discipline of studying may take you back to high school or college, and may immediately evoke the anxiety of tests and group projects. But luckily for us, studying Scripture is so much more than memorizing the latest facts for the test. Studying is about relationship, not just scholarship. We should approach the study of Scripture in a corporate manner and a personal manner in order to learn more about Jesus and deepen our relationship with Him.

If we listen to the Word from the pulpit and study it on our own time, but it doesn't change us and challenge us to obey, then that knowledge hasn't made it from our head to our heart, and that's where it needs to live. With the Internet at our fingertips, the study of Scripture is more accessible than ever, but in the mass of information it's also easy to be led astray by popular teachings that feel good, and sound good, but frankly don't line

up with Scripture. This is why corporate study and personal study are both important. We test what we study, read, and watch against Scripture, our own experience of God, and the world around us, and we also need to engage in conversations with those around us to deepen our relationship with Christ and put those words into practice in our world.

### **Scripture to Read**

- 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- Proverbs 2:1-11
- Psalm 19:1-14

### **Deeper Discussion Questions**

1. How have you practiced the discipline of study in the past? What has hindered or felt most challenging about your study of Scripture?
2. Who do you trust to help you interpret Scripture? If you came across something you weren't quite sure about, who is the first person you would go to?
3. What resources have you used in the past to study Scripture on your own (outside of Sunday morning sermons)?

## **PRAYER**

Make sure to claim some time as a group each week to pray specifically for each other.

## **EXTRA RESOURCES/ARTICLES/RESEARCH**

1. Great blog with info on how to start studying the Bible:  
<https://www.navigators.org/resource/how-to-study-the-bible/>
2. Excellent study resource website and app with easy access to original language/word study and popular commentaries: <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>
3. The Bible Project YouTube Channel (excellent, easy to watch, short videos introducing/explaining each book of the Bible with great scholarship):  
<https://www.youtube.com/@bibleproject>
4. Book: *[How to Read the Bible for All It's Worth](#)*, Gordon Fee (Great book that introduces literary genre present in the Bible if you are wanting to go deeper into study with good scholarship)
5. Logos Website/App:  
<https://www.logos.com/free-edition?campaignid=18467614031&adgroupid=141420>

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