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## Small Group Discussion Guide — SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

- Series: The Long Game
  - Sermon: True Words
  - Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 14-17
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### CONNECT

1. If you could have dinner with any biblical character (other than Jesus), who would it be and what would you ask them?

### ENGAGE

1. Paul warns Timothy that in the last days people will have a “form of godliness but deny its power”. (V 5) What does this look like in our world today? How can we guard against falling into this ourselves? How does recognizing the brokenness described in verses 4-5 shape the way we live as followers of Jesus-both in standing firm in truth and showing love to others?
2. Verses 16-17 say that all scripture is God breathed and equips us for every good work. How does this truth shape the way we approach reading and applying the Bible?

### APPLY

1. Paul explains that Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Which of those four do you personally find the most challenging? Why? What is one way you feel God calling you to put His Word into practice this week?
2. How can disordered loves - whether that's worshipping created things, protecting our reputation, or chasing distractions - keep us, from focusing on passing the baton of faith and pointing others to the Creator?

### PRAYER

Lord, We thank you for the gift of Your Word, which is God breathed. Lord, help us not just to know Scripture, but to live it out with Your Spirit's power. Make us strong in faith and ready for every good work You call us to. Amen.

## **SCRIPTURE**

Psalms 139: 13-14

## **GOING DEEPER**

What do you think it means that christianity is received rather than achieved? When viewed through the lens of received, how might reading the Bible become life changing rather than feeling like a burden or a milestone around your neck? Why is it so easy to slip into an achieving mindset in our walk with God? What helps you return to the truth of grace?

## **QUOTES**

“Every other culture, every other religion, every other philosophy gives you an identity based on your performance. But only Christianity gives you a received identity, so it’s stronger than heaven and earth. It’s “I love you. You know you are a beloved child, in whom I’m well pleased, because of what Jesus has done. Only when you read the bible like that does it become a life-changing story instead of just a millstone around your neck.” Tim Keller