

**The Bible**

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 1:1-3

We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises. – Article 2 EFCA

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- 2 Peter 1:21 - *“For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*
- Proverbs 30:5 - *“Every word of God is flawless; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.”*
- Hebrews 4:12 - *“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

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2. Scripture is a playbook: a mindset that leads to a personal relationship, spiritual growth, and freedom.

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# Life Group Guide

For the week of September 28, 2025

*"... train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:7-8 ESV) Eight Habits of a Transformed Life is a sermon series that invites us to explore the foundational spiritual disciplines that help believers deepen their relationship with Christ. Each week focuses on one key discipline, offering biblical insight, practical application, and encouragement to adopt it as a lasting spiritual habit.*

1. In what ways is God's Word your delight (Psalm 1:1-3)? How have you found joy through reading and meditating on God's Word?
2. In Psalm 1:3 the idea is that God transplants us, like a tree transplanted by a stream. What picture does that God you of the impact of God's Word on your life?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What do these verses tell you about some of the attributes of God's Word? What do they tell you about the impact of God's Word on a person's life? Will you make a commitment to read the Bible this year along with the Bethel Church family?

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