Jesus called the scriptures the "Word of God" and "Words of Life"

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Theo – pneustos God – breathed

(Jesus' insight - For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:45b)

The purpose of the Bible is for us to know God's purpose, our purpose, and how to live out that purpose.

**4 Specific Actions** 

<u>Teaching</u> – God shows you the path on which you should walk

Rebuking - When you're off the path

Correcting - How you can get back on the path

<u>Training</u> - How you can stay on the path

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Psalms 119:105

For the word of God is alive and active.

Hebrews 4:12

Open it! V.O.D - Verse of Day Follow a plan

Which Bible?

NIV – New International Version

NLT- New Living Translation

I not only need to open it I also need to do/live it

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

James 1:22

Every Bible objection is a doorway to deeper exploration, deeper understanding, and deeper appreciation.

## My problem isn't what I don't understand about the Bible My problem is what I do understand?

- Mark Twain

This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book.

## Bible's message in one sentence:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

## **Further Discussion**

- 1. What impact has the Bible had on your life?
- 2. On a 1-10 scale, how well do you feel you know the Bible? What do you think it would take to move up a number?
- 3. How have you seen the 4 Actions of the Bible found in 2 Timothy 3:16 take place in you or another?
- 4. What, if any plan, do you have for 2023 to take in God's word?