

Week One: The Clues We Need

SUMMARY

This week the focus was on Scripture, including God's breath, God's word, and God's path. We learned how the Bible contains all the clues we need to negotiate our journey of faith. The Bible is God's chosen means of self-communication and reading God's Word helps enhance our ability to make God the main thing in our lives. It is what we need to complete the connection between faith and daily life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What new insights did you receive from your readings and studying Scripture this past week?
2. Explain the meaning of the title: *The Clues We Need*. How are the clues meant to provide guidance?
3. Discuss the benefits of exploring the Bible together within a small group.
4. Share a time when God spoke to you through a Bible passage.
5. List and discuss some ideas on how to better understand Scripture. What has helped you connect your faith and daily life?
6. Explain what the author means by this statement: "Jesus understood the jazz aspect of Scripture."

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7. In your own words, explain what the breath of God means to you.
8. Discuss how God's Word has enlarged your life.
9. What did you learn about "absolute truth" in Day Five?
10. Discuss how Scripture is like a map. List the similarities.
11. Share some of the ways that God communicates which path to take.
12. How has this discussion changed or challenged you?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS / ACTIVITIES

1. Using markers or crayons and paper, draw a map of your faith journey. Include important milestones, detours, destinations, and Bible verses that have given you direction.
2. Create a list of what helps Christians complete the connection between faith and life.
3. Go through the Bible and select one dozen verses that can serve as clues to negotiate a journey of faith. List some of your favorites.
4. Use a magazine or daily newspaper to examine the issue of truth. Locate articles that offer different opinions about what happened in a particular situation. Discuss whether or not you can always believe what you read. Can you find truth outside the Bible?

CLOSING PRAYER

Dear God, we thank you for this discussion, for the sharing of ideas, and for the clues we received on what we need to negotiate our journey of faith. Help us to remember that your love is always with us and provides light for our path. Give each of us the courage to trust and believe in you, and thank you for being our partner in life. Amen.