

# Believe

## Small Group Guide

### Session 13

**Video:** Play Believe video for Session 13. This is available from your Study Gateway account. Each video is approximately 10-14 minutes.

**Key Verse:** Read the key verse together. *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, and correctly handles the word or truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)*

**Key Idea:** I study the Bible to know God and his truth and to find direction for my daily life.

#### Group Discussion

*As a group, discuss your thoughts and feelings about the following declarations. Which statement are easy to declare with certainty? Which are more challenging, and why?*

- I read the Bible daily.
- I regularly study the Bible to find direction for my life.
- I seek to be obedient to God by applying the truth of the Bible to my life.
- I have a good understanding of the contents of the Bible.

*Go through the following questions. Feel free to go through all of them or just a few based on your group size and time restraints.*

- 1) As a group, make a list of reasons or motivations someone could possess for studying the Bible. Discuss which reasons are most compelling.
- 2) What obstacles usually hinder a person from practicing consistent Bible study? Discuss ways to overcome these challenges.
- 3) In what ways has the Bible proven a trustworthy map for navigating decisions in your life?
- 4) Many tools – devotionals, commentaries, reading plans, etc. – can help people get the most out of their Bible reading. As a group, discuss some of the tools that you have found helpful.

*Read Psalm 119:9-24*

- 1) What are some practical ways to “hide God’s word in your heart”?
- 2) Discuss what it means for God’s word to be a “lamp for your feet and a light on your path”.
- 3) The psalmist declares the he loves God’s law and precepts. Do we feel the same way?

Closing Prayer

*Close your time together with prayer. Share your prayer requests with one another. Ask God to help you put this week’s key idea into practice.*