

## Long Story Short: Discovering God's Word for You

### Reflect

1. How often do you read the Bible? Daily? Occasionally? Almost Never?
2. Where do you turn to learn about God?
3. How do you feel when you open your Bible or hear God's story told?

### Read Your Bible

- 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- John 6:52-70

### Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What are some of the responses to Jesus' words? See verses 60, 66, and 68-69.
2. How do you respond to Jesus' words?
3. What in Jesus' teaching did the people find hard to accept?
4. According to Jesus, what are the benefits or outcomes of believing His teaching? See verse 63.
5. According to Paul as he writes to Timothy, what does Holy Scripture first do to the learner? See verse 15.
6. What is the purpose of knowing Holy Scripture? See verses 16 and 17.
7. How do you respond to God's Word, and how do you apply it to your life?

### Conclusion

We want you to understand the Bible. Some people think that it is a difficult book to read, and to some degree they are right. Others believe that the Bible can be used like a club to beat people over the head. That belief is dangerous, and ultimately dampens our capacity to encourage all people to know the love of Christ. Some believe that the Bible is irrelevant, and that belief is tragic. What we want to do together is to believe that the Bible is a diverse collection of sacred writings; that tells one story. It's God's story. It reveals the nature of God, the nature of humankind, and God's sacrificial love for people. At the center of this story is Jesus the Christ. This story can change you for this life and give life eternal.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we hear Your story, may we see Your love. May we see Jesus. May we learn to love like He loves. Help us to move beyond selfish desires and be equipped for every good work. Your Words bring life, and we pray it brings life to us. In Jesus' name. Amen.