



## OPEN IN PRAYER

**A TIME OF WORSHIP** (Optional) - You may want to sing a hymn or chorus.

## INTRODUCTION

What if God were to send you a text message? Truth is, He has. It's called the Bible. And in this message, He has revealed His perspective on every aspect of your life. Although the Bible, like a text message, can be a challenge to figure out, you'll find it's like anything in life - what you put in is what you'll get out!

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

*Begin by reading John 6:53-71*

1. Do you have a favorite passage from the Bible? Maybe a creedal text for your life or a passage you have memorized. Why is it your favorite?
2. What are some of the hang-ups about the Bible that you have heard from other people?
3. Brad said that Jesus makes it mandatory for a person to "digest" Jesus and His word if he would be His follower. Do you agree or disagree – why?
4. Someone once said that the goal of Bible reading is not to get all the way through the Bible, but to get the Bible all the way through you. How would you suggest a person read/study the Bible to get to know God better?
5. Sometimes I am educated beyond my level of obedience. That is, there are things that I know I need to do (obey) that I'm resisting getting done. Every so often I am asked a question by my small group that keeps me honest in my Bible reading. It is "am I walking in obedience to every known word of God." How would you answer that question? Are there any areas in your life that you are fudging on these days?

## MOVING FORWARD

Brad said that no one drifts into a growing relationship with God, they are called to it. Jesus asked, "Are you going to forsake me too?" Have you made a commitment to the book? Have you figured out how you can digest Jesus and His words these days? One of the best ways to reinforce what Jesus is teaching you is to pass it on to someone else. Look for God to create an opportunity this week in your life, at home, with the kids, or at work. Take some time this week to ask God to give you a hunger and thirst for His word.

## CHANGING YOUR MIND

Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Matthew 4:4

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