

## Getting Started

1. How do you usually process a sermon? Do you take notes? Do you come back to it the next day? Do you never think about it again?
2. Why do you think the Bible made such an impact in the lives of those fishermen in India?
3. What is your favorite Bible passage? Why is it your favorite?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

## Digging Deeper

### 5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 19:

#### Q. How do you come to know this?

A. The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise;<sup>1</sup> later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs<sup>2</sup> and prophets<sup>3</sup> and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law;<sup>4</sup> and finally God fulfilled it through his own beloved Son.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Gen. 3:15 <sup>2</sup> Gen. 22:18; 49:10 <sup>3</sup> Isa. 53; Jer. 23:5-6; Mic. 7:18-20; Acts 10:43; Heb. 1:1-2 <sup>4</sup> Lev. 1-7; John 5:46; Heb. 10:1-10 <sup>5</sup> Rom. 10:4; Gal. 4:4-5; Col. 2:17

How have you come to know the truth of the gospel?

6. Isaiah 55:9 we read that God's thoughts are beyond our thoughts, his ways our beyond our ways. Read Psalm 103:11. How do these verses make you feel?
7. Read Isaiah 40:8 and 1 Peter 1:25-25. What do these verses mean? How do they relate to our sermon today?
8. Romans 15:4 and 2 Peter 1:20, 21 also give us a greater understanding of the importance of scripture. What is that greater understanding?

## Application

9. Spending time in the Word of God (Bible) will help us grow in our faith. The Holy Spirit works through the scriptures to teach, reproof, correct and train us in righteousness. God's Word goes out from him and does not return empty. Spend time in the scriptures and you will be blessed.

## Praying Scripture

### Psalm 1

1 Blessed is the man  
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
2 but his delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.  
3 He is like a tree  
planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does, he prospers.  
4 The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.  
5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
6 for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish

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### Why We Worship

#### “Central to Worship”

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

- The \_\_\_\_\_ is the \_\_\_\_\_ component of worship.
- Scripture is profitable for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and for \_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness.
- The Word of God does not \_\_\_\_\_ to God \_\_\_\_\_.

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