

BASE CAMP



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August 12 & 13

Find Your Footing

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Before using the study in your group, it might be helpful to work through the questions on your own. The purpose of this guide is merely to help facilitate discussion, so don't feel pressure to visit every question.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Base camps are a central gathering, a check point no matter what kind of journey you're on. Whether you're summiting Everest or hiking in Brown County, the purpose of a base camp is to rest, refuel, and recenter yourself for the journey ahead.

Our base camp is a revisiting of why we do what we do, who we are, and who we want to be as a church and a community. We need to remember who we are so that we can keep going. We need a *Base Camp*.

TEXT

Acts 8:26-35

ADDITIONAL TEXT

Matthew 5:38-39

Proverbs 14:12

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Psalm 19:7-8

GETTING STARTED

When was the last time you read a book? What was it, and why did you read it?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What would you say is the summit of your spiritual life? What personal transformation have you experienced from being a part of a church community?
2. What does it mean to hold the Bible above you as an authority? Share examples from your own life when you have or have not allowed the Bible to be your authority. How did it change your experience and perspective?

3. How much confidence do you have in the Bible? Who or what has given you that confidence? What has caused you to lose confidence in the Bible?
4. Read Acts 8:28-34 aloud. What stands out to you? What about this encounter do you relate to the most? Why? How well do you understand what you read in the Bible? In what ways can you apply what you have read?
5. When you don't understand a verse or chapter in the Bible, do you seek out what it means or do you dismiss it as confusing or irrelevant? What are some things you could do to increase your understanding?
6. The message of the Bible is consistent and clear: it's the good news about Jesus. Confusion and doubt can creep in if the message is miscommunicated. How have you seen this message get misused? Do you feel responsible for making it right?
7. In 2 Timothy 3:16-17, how does Paul describe the purpose of the scriptures? Do you allow God's Word to teach, correct, prepare, and equip you?
8. The Bible can be trusted historically, scientifically, and prophetically—it's durable. With those in mind, read the following passages and share your thoughts: Psalm 33:4; Isaiah 40:22; Job 26:7; Jeremiah 33:22; Leviticus 17:11; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 40:8

NEXT STEPS

Your life will benefit by getting into the Word on a daily basis. This week, consider reading the Bible for yourself and commit to sticking with it. Start with just ten minutes a day for a week and write down or tell someone how it has affected you. If you are already reading daily, consider how you can better understand and apply what you are reading.