



THINK ON IT...

God spoke this world into existence. Such is the power of His word. In John 6:33, Jesus tells us that the words He spoke are spirit and life. His Word is living and active. That is the power of the Word of God, and that is the power that all those who have a living faith in Jesus have available to them.

1. Have you ever found yourself thinking, "I wish I would _____" or "I wish I wouldn't _____"? If you could change one or two things about your character, what would they be?
2. **Hebrews 4:12: "The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."** Which word of this verse stands out to you? Share some examples of how you've seen God's Word living and active in your life. How has it affected your character? How has it affected your thoughts and attitudes? How has it changed you?
3. **2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV): "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."** Substitute your own name for "the man of God" in this verse and read it to yourself several times. How does this exercise personalize God's promise for you? What "good work" has God's Spirit brought to your mind?
4. **John 8:31-32 (NASB): "If you continue in My Word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free!"** Put these verses in your own words. How would applying this verse change you?
5. **John 13:17 (NIV): "Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."** It has been said that, "We're not blessed for *knowing* the Bible – we're blessed for *doing* the Bible." Spend a moment and consider some ways you can do the Bible. What has God's Spirit brought to mind that you can live out this week?
6. **Mark 12:24 (LB): "Jesus said 'Your trouble is that you don't know the Scriptures.'"** According to this verse, how might believers avoid some of their problems in life? What are some of the ways that God helps believers through the Scriptures?
7. **Psalms 119:105 (NIV): "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."** This verse was written at a time when people typically used oil lamps that often only gave enough light to take the next step. Why do you think it is important for believers to walk in the light they have without delay?
8. What have you sensed God saying to you through this study? What are you going to do about it?