

3. What does verse 8 imply had happened to the worship of Jehovah God in the national life of Israel? What condition was the Temple in?
4. What does verse 15 tell you about how much importance had been given to God's word by the leadership and the people of Israel?
5. When the Book of the Law was found Josiah had been following God faithfully for more than 10 years. Even so, what was his reaction when he heard the word read? (vs. 19-21)
6. What does God's word give him that he couldn't get on his own without it? (Also read James 1:22-25 and what the Bible does for us in 2 Timothy 3:16)
7. Talk about our dedication to the Word of God and ways that we "lose" the Bible in our own daily lives. Remember what you just read in James. Be creative and personal.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Selected Scriptures

"The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God on the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure."

John Locke

### The Importance of God's Word

God's Word is like light. (Psalm 119:105)

God's Word is like seed. (Matthew 13:23)

God's Word is like a sword. (Ephesians 6:17)

God's Word is like bread. (Matthew 4:4)

God's Word is like rain. (Isaiah 55:10-11)

God's Word is like fire. (Jeremiah 23:29a)

God's Word is like a hammer. (Jeremiah 23:29b)

## Getting a grip on God's Word

Hear it (Rom 10:17)

Read it (Deut 17:19)

Study it (Ezra 7:10)

Memorize it (Psalm 119:9-11)

Meditate on it (Joshua 1:8)

## Getting to know you

Think about your first Bible, the first Bible you remember, or your favorite Bible. Jot down everything you remember about it, how old you were, who gave it to you, details about it, etc. If you're writing about your favorite, why was it your favorite?

Preference question: Is an e-Bible really a Bible?

## How important should God's Word be to us?

Sunday we looked at the qualities of God's word and how we can put it to work in our lives. In this week's small groups we look at a case study of how the word actually transformed a nation. There's a long passage to read so be sure you check it out *before* you start answering questions. Read 2 Chronicles 34:1-21

1. Read verses 34:3, 4-7, and 8. These verses represent three time periods which were transforming in Josiah's life and reign. Give a brief description of when it happened and what he did.
2. Look back over your life. Can you find distinct periods of your life when you grew in your walk with Christ? Give a brief description of those times.