

## Large Group – Why & How to Read the Bible

MS 10.20.21

HS 10.27.21

### LESSON SUMMARY:

As we've covered in previous weeks, our purpose is to bring God glory by making disciples and showing God's heart to a lost and hurting world around us. Where does the Bible come in? It is our source for knowing God. Leaders, if you want a refresher on why we can trust the Bible, go back and watch Voddie's message here: [Why I choose to believe The Bible - Voddie Baucham](#)

The main things we want students to take away from the message tonight are these:

#### Why should we read the Bible?

- The Bible allows us into the heart of God
  - It's about becoming closer to God, not about checking a religious box.

#### How should we read the Bible?

- NOT asking what it means to me
- Asking God to reveal Himself to you
- Asking the right questions:
  - What is the Holy Spirit saying in this passage?
  - What does this teach me about God?
  - What does this teach me about people?
  - What does it teach me on what it means to follow Jesus?
- With a response
  - Prayer time is talking back to God, creating an intimate relationship

### DISCUSSION GUIDE:

#### Passage: **Mark 3:31-35**

1. We want to give you the chance as a small group to put this into practice. If you're able, split up into smaller clusters within your group to answer the "right questions" listed above, and then come together as a large group to discuss your answers.
2. If you have time, read this passage in a Commentary (provided in a bin at the back of the Worship Center). Talk about if/how that helped shape their understanding of the passage.
3. Take time to dissect **vs 35**. Take time emphasizing 1 word/phrase at a time, asking, "Why is this word important to the meaning of the passage?" (This could also be done in smaller groups if it works better for your group.)
  - Ex: "Whoever" - meaning any race, gender, age, people group...
  - Ex: "does" - following Jesus takes action
  - Ex: "God's will" - we talked about God's purpose, and how our purpose should line up with His. See if students can remember what God's purpose is. This also shows that Jesus' will is the same as God's will, so us following Jesus is following God's will.
  - Ex: "brother, sister, mother" - we are a part of a family