

# THE MASTER'S PLAN

## - Biblical Instruction -

### Ice-Breaker:

If you've ever received a love-letter, share what that was like with the group. What makes reading a love-letter different from reading other information?

### Discussion:

1. We all have our own "versions" of the Bible (i.e. we often pick and choose which commands we like and want to obey, and 'tear out' the rest).
  - Name one command in the Bible that is challenging for you to follow.
  - How might you put that command back into your Bible (i.e. start taking it seriously)?
2. As a group, read out loud the entirety of Psalm 119 (it's very long, so you might take turns reading). Notice the connection between God's Word and love in this Psalm.
3. Read Jeremiah 31:3, John 3:16, and Romans 8:38-39, and answer the question: *'In what ways is the Bible like a love letter from God?'*
4. Read Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 6:23 and Proverbs 28:26. How is knowing and obeying the Bible essential in life?
5. Read James 1:22-25 and Proverbs 28:9. In the message, Pastor Bryan said: *"Information without application is an abomination that leads to constipation."* What are the dangers of knowing and yet disregarding (not applying) God's Word?
6. Read Hebrews 4:12 and II Timothy 3:16.
  - What do you think it means when it says God's Word (the Bible) is "alive and active"?
  - Share a time when God's Word was alive and active, and accomplished one of these 4 purposes in your life (teaching, rebuking, correction or training in righteousness).

### Personal Application:

Which of the following do you struggle with the most... ?

- Studying the Bible
- Praying about applying the Bible
- Living out the truths of the Bible
- Passing on the truths of the Bible to others

What steps can you take to improve in that area?

### Challenge:

Spend at least 5 minutes/day this week reading the Bible, starting in the book of Proverbs or John.