

# STUDY GUIDE

October 26

## STAY IN THE LOOP

*Announcements*



- A new Practicing the Way group is starting this Thursday, October 30, focusing on Solitude (4 sessions). In an increasingly distracted and noisy world, we need solitude more than ever. The practice of solitude mimics Jesus' rhythm of retreat and return: retreat from people and distractions to be with God, in order to return to community in love and service. Sign up on ChurchCenter.

## START WITH PRAYER

*Use this Prayer Prompt*

Praise God for His Word - that He hasn't left us to figure out life on our own, but has given us His truth to guide, correct, and renew our minds. Pray that God would help parents, teens, and kids recognize truth from lies and develop the courage to live by biblical convictions in a noisy world. Ask God to give us strength, patience, and creativity to train the next generation to think critically and follow Jesus faithfully.

## STUDY THE BIBLE

*Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:*

Proverbs 1:7

Romans 12:2

Acts 17:11

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

Hebrews 5:14  
2 Timothy 3:14–17  
Psalm 119:105

## STIR UP DISCUSSION

*How does this week's teaching affect me personally?*

1. What does it look like to *fear the Lord* in today's world - not in a fearful way, but in awe and reverence? How can we model that kind of "fear of the Lord" for our children or younger believers?
2. What are some "patterns of this world" that families are tempted to conform to today?
3. What does it mean to *test* what we hear - whether from social media, friends, or even church? How can we cultivate the habit of examining Scripture daily like the Bereans?
4. What does it mean that Scripture is our *standard* for truth (2 Timothy 3:16–17)?
5. How can you create a home environment where God's Word naturally shapes conversations, decisions, and even emotions?
6. When life feels confusing or overwhelming, what Scriptures have helped guide your thinking?

## STEP INTO ACTION

*Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.*

1. **Model Scriptural thinking daily.** When faced with a decision or challenge, pause and say aloud, "*What does God's Word say about this?*" Let your children or those around you see you turning to Scripture first - not last.
2. **Practice "Testing and Approving" together.** Choose a short news clip, TikTok trend, or post and discuss it as a family:
  - a. What is being claimed?
  - b. What does Scripture say about it?

c. Does it align with Jesus' character?

Turn this into a regular family rhythm of discernment.

3. **Anchor in God's story.** Regularly remind your family where we fit in God's big story - *creation, fall, redemption, and new creation*. Use dinner or car rides to connect daily events to God's purposes and the hope found in Jesus.