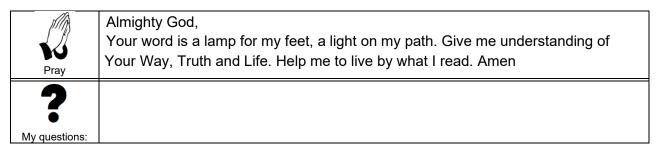




Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	07-09-2025		The Bible - Introduction
Start	□ What was your Summer like? □ What, if anything, did you get time to read?		
Por Poscuss	 □ What's been your experience of the Bible? What's your relationship with it? □ What's a Bible verse/ passage that has helped or inspired you? How? □ What, if anything, do you LIKE about the Bible? □ What, if anything, FRUSTRATES you about the Bible? □ What, if anything, would you like to KNOW about the Bible? 		
Read	1 Timothy 4:1-16	Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
Explore	 □ v.1-5: How do the likes of YouTube and social media, at times, give platforms to 'deceiving spirits'? In these 'later times', anyone with a SmartPhone can set themselves up as the true/ pure teaching. How can we avoid being deceived by twisted ideas about God, especially when they quote Bible verses and claim better knowledge? □ v.6: How do you know when teaching is 'good'? Teaching is good when it □ v.7: How does the Bible help us being pulled in by 'godless myths'? □ v.11: If the chunking of the Bible into verses, paragraphs, headings, and chapters is a relatively recent human editorial decision, does v.11 make more sense as the culmination v.6-10 or as the beginning of v.12—14? □ v.13: Why is the 'public reading of Scripture' an important part of any church service? What can happen when a church starts to neglect this? □ v.16: What is 'doctrine'? What's the relationship between what we believe and what we do'? 		
Go further	 □ Creeds are statements of core beliefs. They summarise what are considered the essential beliefs about God and God's world. For example, the Nicene Creed, 1700 years old. Read it. Reflect on it's statements. □ Listen to/ watch "This I believe (The Creed)" □ Write your own Creed. What beliefs are core to your faith? Where do they come from? Write your own Creed. What beliefs are core to your faith? Where do they come from? 		
Reflect	 □ Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? □ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? □ What part does the Bible play in your life? What part would you like the Bible to play on your life? 		
Do	☐ Read or listen to the Bible. Check out <u>BibleGateway.com</u> & <u>NIV audio</u> . Listen as you commute, workout, walk the dog, wash-up, have a bath		



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