

## Mentoring Guide

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# The Sword and the Scalpel: Teaching the Scriptures

The success of our ministries is predicated on Scripture. God's Word is a powerful sword that cuts with the spiritual precision of a scalpel and should inform and infuse everything we do in life and ministry. This begins by allowing Scripture to shape your heart before you can use it to shape others. It also requires that you learn how to wield the sword of the Spirit accurately and effectively.

### Talking Points: Questions to Consider

- Why is our view of the Bible critical for our ministry? How should our view of Scripture determine our approach to ministry?
- Why is it important for us to make sure that we interpret Scripture accurately?
- How should our personal study of Scripture prepare us to teach God's Word? What is the difference between "studying to teach" and "teaching because you studied"? How do we guard our hearts from reading Scripture just to prepare a message or lesson?
- What are some practical ways that saturating yourself with Scripture helps you minister according to the Word?

## Teaching Points: Scriptures to Consider

- **2 Timothy 3:16-4:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12** – The Inspiration, Inerrancy, Infallibility, and Supernatural Power of Scripture
- **Ezra 7:10** – Devoting Your Heart to Study, to Do, and to Teach God’s Word
- **2 Timothy 2:15** – Faithful Interpretation and Instruction
- **James 3:1** – Greater Responsibility and Accountability for Teachers
- **Colossians 1:28-29** – Our Passion for Proclaiming Him

## Thinking Points: Resources to Consider

- *Living by the Book* by Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks
- *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth* by Gordon Fee and Douglas Stuart
- *Preaching by the Book* by Scott Pace

## Training Points: Opportunities to Consider

- **Study a passage of Scripture together** and learn how to accurately interpret and apply God’s Word to your own life.
- **Walk through the process** of developing a message or lesson on a passage of Scripture and discuss some principles of teaching and delivery.
- **Provide an opportunity to teach** a Bible study, deliver a message, or share a devotion on a particular passage of Scripture that you have studied together. Evaluate teaching and provide constructive feedback.