

# THE LIVING WORD

*Hebrews 4:12-13*

## BIG IDEA

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God's word is living, effective, and powerful.

## SUMMARY

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God has chosen to reveal himself through his Word. **The Words of God and the action of God go together.** The Word of God *is* the action of God. **The Word of God gets to where we need it most.** The Word is "sharper than any double-edged sword" so it cuts by convicting us, discerning our thoughts and revealing our intentions. **The Word of God is powerful enough to bring the change we need.** As Christians, we have to be willing to let Scripture expose our sin so that we can change. We turn to lots of different things to "cover" our sin to avoid being exposed. Instead, we have to draw near to Christ and the promise of healing and change that he has promised to us.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What is your current relationship to Scripture like? Do you ever forsake Bible reading in favor of devotional experiences? Are you diligent at Bible reading but not seeing transformation?
2. Some translations call God's Word "living and *effective*". What does it mean that God's Word is effective?
3. How would you respond to someone who says, "I don't need theology or the Bible; I just need Jesus"? How could you use those passage to support your argument?
4. What parts of you have you kept private and not wanted to hold up to the mirror of Scripture? Are there any parts of you that you have to keep hidden? What do you cover yourself with that keeps you from being vulnerable in front of God and in front of your life group?
5. How does Scripture help us strive to enter God's rest? How do the attributes of Scripture described in Hebrews 4:12-13 strengthen your perseverance and shape your heart for obedience?