

PRAYER

- Pray that God's Word will continue to bring life, encouragement, correction, and change in our lives.

- Search for a promise from God's Word that you can claim for the current situation of your prayer partner. Pray this promise in and claim that God will intervene in his or her situation.

- Pray for openness, hunger, and devotion to read, study, and obey the Word of God.



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GOD
SAID...



Double-edged Sword

Week 2

NOTES

CONNECT

- What is your favorite Bible verse? Why do you like it?
- What moral lesson from a movie, a book, or from your family do you still live by until today? How do you exercise it?
- When not sure about a certain decision, whose opinion do you often ask? Why do you trust this person?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

¹²For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
Hebrews 4:12,13

The Scripture is described as a sword that we are to wield in our Christian life. Why is the Scripture depicted as a sword?

- **God's Word is living and active.**

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Hebrews 4:12

God's Word is alive and working powerfully in the lives of people. It imparts life to us, and is a continual source of life (Matthew 4:4; Psalm 1:2,3). How is the Bible different from other inspirational writing? How is God's Word alive in your life?

- **God's Word is sharper than any double-edged sword.**

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Hebrews 4:12

Like a surgeon's expert scalpel, the Word of God is sharp and can probe us and precisely cut away what needs to be cut and keep what needs to be kept. Give an example of what has been removed from your life upon reading God's Word.

- **It judges our hearts and changes us.**

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The Word of God searches our lives and hearts—what lies deep within. It reaches as far as the most intimate and accurate details of our hidden thoughts, feelings, and values. As we read the Bible regularly, we can know God more and be open to correction and change in our lives (John 17:17). How does reading God's Word help you change?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How has the Word of God affected your life lately?
- As you read the Bible, what area in your life do you want to see changed?
- What character, value, or habit would you like to develop in your life?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What one promise from the Bible can you claim for your current situation? How do you plan to apply this Word in your life right now?
- In the next few days, how will you use the Bible to help others who need guidance in specific areas?
- What can you do today to continue to have an open heart towards God's Word so that it will work in your life? How will you encourage others to live by the Bible as well?