

## Sermon Discussion Guide - 10.31.21 - FLIP Part 5: The Word

**Scripture:** *Leader's Note: Below are some of the scriptures Pastor Antonio used in this week's sermon. Consider sharing this list of scripture with your group in a follow-up email after your group meets as a recommendation for further study throughout the rest of the week. Attached is a simplified version of the discussion questions with the Scripture list that can be copy/pasted into an email.*

Main Scripture:

- 1 John 2:3-6

Supporting Scripture:

- 1 John 2:1-2
- 1 Kings 19:19-21
- 1 Chronicles 28:9
- Galatians 5:19-26

### Discussion Questions:

*Leader's Note: If your time is limited, or your discussions run long, focus on the two check-marked bullet points, and within them, the bolded questions. In addition to the check-marked bullet points, as time allows, use only the remaining questions that fit your group dynamic best.*

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- ✓ Read 1 John 2:3-6. What basic instructions do these verses give us to follow, and what promise is given if we follow these instructions? How do you feel about this promise, where would it rank if you listed your goals for your future personal growth? If you hadn't just read that promise, would it have even made the list?
- Was there a time in your life when you felt stuck or unable to see any progress or growth? Are you stuck right now? What is it you are, or were, hoping to move toward? What is, or was, holding you back?
- ✓ Read 1 Chronicles 28:9 and Galatians 5:16-26. How do we know if we're serving God with a loyal heart and willing mind, or if we're allowing ourselves to be led by the Spirit and not by our flesh? Do these verses provide instruction for how we might take action if we're feeling stuck? Is this encouraging or discouraging? Why?
- What's the difference between where you are right now and where you would like to be? How confident are you that your vision for your future growth is in line with God's plan? How open are you to His vision being different from yours?
- Is there something you might be holding onto that is keeping you from walking into a fruitful season? What can we do to find out if we're getting in the way of our own progress?
- As a group, speak the following verses together as a prayer for yourself and each other:  
*Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting.*  
Psalm 139: 23-24

### Closing Prayer:

- Ask God to show you what further action he his calling you to right now, and for the strength and courage to respond to his call.



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