Living In Relationship To God
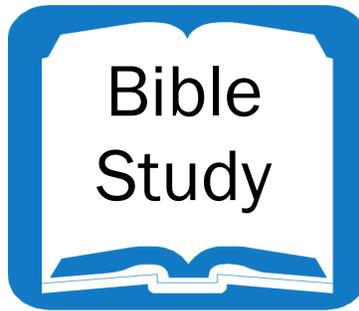
The Bible - God's Word

A Story:

A ranger in Yellowstone National Park was leading a group of hikers to a fire lookout. The ranger was so preoccupied telling the hikers about the flowers and animals that he considered the messages on his two-way radio distracting, so he switched it off. Nearing the tower, the ranger was met by a nearly breathless lookout, who asked why he hadn't responded to the messages on his radio. A grizzly bear had been stalking the group, and the authorities were trying to warn them of the danger.

Anytime we tune out God's Word we put not only ourselves in danger, but also those around us.

- What are some ways people tune out God's Word today?

- Into what dangers do we place ourselves and others when we ignore God's Word?

The Bible is the "Holy Scripture" because God the Holy Spirit gave to His chosen writers the thoughts that they expressed and the words that they wrote (verbal inspiration). Therefore, the Bible is God's own Word and truth, without error (inerrancy).

From Luther's Large Catechism

Bible Study

What do the following passages have to say about God's Word?

Day One:	Psalm 119:160
Day Two:	Hebrews 4:12
Day Three:	Psalm 119:105
Day Four:	1 Peter 2:2
Day Five:	James 1:23-25

For Discussion:

Luke 16:19-31

Read the above passage and discuss the following questions:

1. Christian stewardship always begins with God giving to us. In the parable what did God give to the rich man?

2. Christian stewardship calls for a response. How did the man respond to God's blessings?

3. What kind of stewardship did this man practice in the light of Jesus' words to His disciples in Matthew 10:7-8?

4. Read Luke 16:31. What are some things you can do to be sure you are listening to God?

5. God has entrusted you with His Word. What difference does that make in your life?

Stewardship Truth

Living in relationship to God means that I am entrusted with the Word of God.