OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who*, *What*, *Where*, *When*, *How*, *Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about God?

What does the fact that God gave us his Word tell us about our God? Why is it so important for us to have a correct doctrine (v16) of God? How does the Word of God ensure that we can know God correctly?

2) What does this passage teach us about us (mankind)?

We need the authority and sufficiency of the Word of God. Can you think of an area in your life where the Word of God has been your authority and/or your sufficiency?

3) What does this passage teach us about salvation/grace? How does it point to Christ? Read 2 Timothy 3:15. Paul is saying that the Old Testament points us to faith in Jesus Christ. Do you tend to read the Bible primarily as a book about what to do/how to live? Or as a book that tells you what God has done for you in Christ?

Read 2 Corinthians 3:18. We are transformed by beholding Christ. How does the Word of God help you to behold Christ? What have you read in scripture lately that has shown you Christ?

APPLICATION

Pastor Mark talked about living a "gospel shaped life." How does trusting the gospel begin to change our thinking, choices, and emotions over time? Do you see this change occurring in your own life?

PRAYER

Praise and thank God for his word. Confess your lack of desire for God's word or failure to trust God's word. Ask God to give you're a passion for his word.