GOD'S CALL
TO OBEDIENCE

Study C: Establishing Confidence in God's Word & Prayer

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."
2 Tim. 3:16,17

Why: Reasons for the study

- People tend to look to many things other than God's Word for guidance and protection.
- There is a growing attitude in our post-modern society that not only is the Bible an insufficient guide for life, but because it is so exclusive, it should not be tolerated.
- Since the Bible is the primary objective revelation of who God is and what He requires of His people, it is necessary for all followers of Christ to be anchored in the truths of Scripture.

What: Principles to grasp

- God's Word is one of the primary resources God has given us to live an obedient life.
- God's Word is designed for our guidance and protection.
- Our submission to the truths of Scripture will protect us emotionally and spiritually, so that we are not dependent upon our circumstances and others for our well-being.
- God's Word is trustworthy and proven.
- Our response to God's communication to us through His Word is our communication with Him through prayer.

How: Path to a changed life

- To turn to God's Word as the guide for life
- To believe what God says about Himself in His Word
- To align their wills with God's will by living out the truths of Scripture and to communicate regularly with Him through prayer
- To obey His commands and rely on His promises as primary ways to build an experiential faith in God

Helpful ideas:

- Remember God's agents of change: the Spirit of God, through the Word of God in the context of the people of God.
- Encourage regular time in the Word and prayer; they may choose to use the CTO materials for their devotional time.
- Assign the *Daily Log* as a tool to help disciples who are undisciplined in devotional time. Begin with three times a week, so they are not overwhelmed. (ctousa.org/tools/resources/charts - outlines)