



## The Water of Life

**Focus** Words are like water. God’s Word is the Water of Life. We need daily “bathing” in the fountain of God’s Word to bring cleansing and health to our souls.

**Open** Do you enjoy reading? Why or why not? What do you enjoy reading most?

**Read** Throughout Scripture, water is used as a symbol for words—most often to represent the Word of God. There is a war of words going on in each of our lives. Our spirits are cleansed by the blood of Jesus—now God is seeking to cleanse our souls with His Word. Meanwhile, Satan is trying to starve us from God’s Word and flood us with words that disagree with it. God’s Word always defeats the words of the Enemy, but we must regularly fill ourselves with it.

- Talk**
1. Read Psalm 1:1–3. What is promised to those who “submerge” themselves in the Word of God?
  2. Satan’s goal is to steal God’s Word from our hearts (Mark 4:3–20). There are two main tactics Satan regularly employs: flooding us with lying words and starving us from the Word of God.
    - a. Why has the Enemy chosen these two tactics to combat God’s Word in our lives? Why is each strategy effective?
    - b. Which of the two tactics do you believe the Enemy uses most often in your life?

3. Satan's words are usually described as a flood, while the Word of God is described as a fountain. What is the difference between a flood and a fountain? How does this apply to the war of words?
4. In Ephesians 5:25–26, Paul describes Jesus' relationship with the church: *"... as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."* How does the Word of God sanctify us (make us whole) and cleanse us?

### Live

1. Is there a situation concerning you in which you are consistently battling a flood of the Enemy's words? What is the Enemy saying to you? What is the truth of God's Word about this situation?
2. In groups of two or three, revisit your Bible reading goal that you set last week. How did you do? Do you need to change your goal? Do you need a different strategy? Talk about it together.
3. Staying together in your small group, think about the situation you described in question one. Have you agreed with the words of the Enemy in any way? Take a few minutes together in prayer to break your agreement with the words of the Enemy, and speak out the truth of God's Word instead.

### Pray

Either in pairs or as a group, thank the Lord for the power of His Word to cleanse your souls. Ask Him to show you areas in which you are being flooded by the Enemy's words. Repent if you have neglected to read His Word and are starving yourself from its transformational truth. Ask Him to help you design a plan to read His Word and to empower you to carry it out.