Discuss this quote: “You never know when a moment and a few sincere words can have an impact on a life” (motivational speaker Zig Ziglar). Share with a partner or your small group a time in your life when this proved true.

Opening Prayer
Dear heavenly Father, we praise You, O Lord! We confess that our sins have separated us from You. We thank You that You saw our need for salvation and sent Your own Son — the Word made flesh — to be our Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil. Because He rose from the dead and lives eternally, we know that we, too, can look forward to eternal life in the glories of heaven. We thank You for giving us Your written Word that by the power of the Holy Spirit causes our faith to flourish. We are privileged to come as Your children in prayer, talking with You and knowing that You listen and answer. Please bless our study of Your Word. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

God’s Communication to Us
Read Psalm 119:103–107. How does the Psalmist describe the words of the Lord? ______________________________

What does Jeremiah call the words of God in 15:16a? ______________________________

The prophet Isaiah gives us even more insight into the words of our God. See Isaiah 40:8 and 55:10–11.

Read Genesis 1:3. Except for man and woman, how did God create the world and all that is in it? ______________________________

In light of these passages, what adjectives would you use to describe the words of God? ______________________________

What was God’s word of command in Genesis 2:15–17? ______________________________

How did Adam and Eve respond to this command (Genesis 3:6)? ______________________________

As a result of sin, what was God’s communication in Exodus 20:1–17 and Deuteronomy 6:1a, 5–7? ______________________________

What does God’s lawful Word show us? ______________________________

Read Genesis 3:15. What promise does God give in this passage? ______________________________

How does God fulfill that promise in John 1:1, 14? What does God’s promising [or Gospel] Word show us? ______________________________

If time permits: Look at the following passages. What were some of God’s Old Testament words of promise to His people? Exodus 19:3b–6; Joshua 23:14; Psalm 18:30; Psalm 33:4. ______________________________

In Matthew 4:4, Jesus resisted temptation from Satan to turn rocks into bread by quoting Deuteronomy 8:3 when He answered: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.” 2 Timothy 3:14–17 and Hebrews 4:12 tell us about the Word of God. List some of the characteristics mentioned in these verses. ______________________________

What is the purpose of God’s written Word according to John 20:30–31? ______________________________

When we hear the inspired Word of God, the Holy Spirit engenders faith in us — the Word of God is our Lord talking to us! (See Ephesians 1:13–14.) Identify the tools that the Holy Spirit uses from the following passages: Romans 10:17 ______________________________

Romans 6:4 ______________________________

Matthew 26:26–28 ______________________________

Communication involves speaking, listening, how something is said, and even our body language as we say it. Communication has the power to effect change in our lives. Communication can wound and heal, as well as build up or tear down. This Bible study will focus on God’s communication to us, our communication with God, and our communication about God with others.
Our Communication with God
We are privileged to approach our saving God in worship and prayer.

Our worship is all about God and what He has done for us by sending the Word made flesh — Jesus — to live a perfect life, suffer and die on the cross, and rise to everlasting life. Because He lives, we too will live in the glories of heaven. See Psalm 100 for a sample song of worship and praise, and read it aloud.

God promises to hear every believer’s prayer and to answer for our good. The A.C.T.S. outline is always a good way to remember the basic elements of prayer. Read each corresponding Bible verse for an example of each.

Adoration: Psalm 92:1–2
Confession: 1 John 1:8–9
Thanksgiving: Ephesians 5:20
Supplications: 1 Timothy 2:1

If time permits: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! (Psalm 106:1) This is a wonderful example of an opening adoration for prayer. On a separate sheet of paper, write down a prayer based on the A.C.T.S. outline.

Our Communication about God with Others
We have studied how God communicates with us and how we are privileged to communicate with God. Now let’s look at how we communicate about God with others.

Read Genesis 11:1–9. What was the cause of God’s judgment?

What impact on communication does this account reveal?

Read Acts 2:1–4. In light of the Tower of Babel account, how does the Pentecost account show God’s fervent desire that the Good News about Jesus Christ spread throughout the world?

How does that evangelism happen in our world today?

In Acts 17:6b, the disciples of Jesus were identified as these men who have turned the world upside down. Quickly look up the following passages and their surrounding context from the book of Acts: Acts 4:31; 6:7; 13:48–49; 16:32, 19:20.

How did communication aid in the growth of the early church?

How did the disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, take advantage of every opportunity to spread the Good News?

Faith Talk
Talk about a time when you were privileged to share the Good News of salvation in Jesus. Share with a partner or in your group.

In addition to evangelism, what practical instructions regarding communication are given to us in the following passages, as we live together in the Christian community?

Ephesians 5:4–6
Ephesians 6:17–20
Philippians 2:14–16
Colossians 3:12–17
James 1:22–25

If time permits: During this study, or on your own, look up the following accounts where God sought out His servants. How did they respond? Perhaps you can think of more.

Genesis 12:1–3: Abram/Abraham

1 Samuel 3:1–10: Samuel

Isaiah 6:8: Isaiah

Acts 26:12–18: Saul/Paul

Faith Walk
1. Thank God daily for His life-giving Word.
2. Resolve to read His Word daily and rejoice in the Savior’s grace.
3. By the power of the Spirit, share with at least one person the Good News of salvation in Jesus.
4. Praise and thank God for the hope of eternal life.
5. Pray daily for His guidance and strength in your life and in the lives of those you love.

Closing Prayer and Litany
Leader: Almighty God, We thank You for Your Word.

(Each participant offers thanks for God’s Word and its life-giving message. After all have offered petitions, close with this litany based on Revelation 22:6–7, 20.)

Leader: And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true.

All: And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

Leader: “And behold, I am coming soon.

All: Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Leader: He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.”


Sing together “Thy Word Is a Lamp” (Accompaniment for the Hymns volume of Lutheran Service Book #973) or “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” (LSB #904; LW #202; TLH #16).

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