The Bible as our GPS KZ Lesson 8 16 20

# Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV)

**16**All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Target Thought: The Bible is the only true GPS.

Many times we hear instruction from God and we think I have heard that, I know that already, but God knows that we are leaky people and we don't always practice in our daily lives what He has taught us, so in His mercy and love He reminds us. He does this so that we can have the best possible life and so that we can carry out His plans.

I appreciate that the word “inspiration" here literally means “breathed”.  All Scripture has been spoken or breathed by God Himself.   Communication is key to any relationship; it’s the way we get to know each other.  The Bible is one primary way God communicates to us about Who He is, His love for us, what’s best for us, etc.

2 Timothy 3:16 explains how the Bible can become God’s GPS for us in life.  It’s profitable for:

1. teaching (telling us how to get to where we need to be),
2. reproof or rebuking (telling us when we have taken a wrong turn),
3. correcting (getting us back on track going the right direction), and
4. training in righteousness (continuing to guide us towards God’s best for us)!

Some time when you are at home take out your GPS App on your phone and type in destination “Heaven”.  It will probably tell you “No results.”  Only God’s Word of Truth can direct us there.  Have you or someone you were traveling with ever used a GPS and got bad directions or got lost? Why do you think that happened? Could it be because it is dependent on man and man's information? The Bible is just the opposite it isn't dependent on man, it came from God Himself through the Holy Spirit giving it o men to record. The information in the Bible came straight from God's heart and never changes.

Jesus said it very plain and simple in John  14:6 – *“I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.  No one comes to the Father but through Me.”*  God not only told us the way, He came to earth to show us the way; He doesn’t want any of us to remain lost! Despite some popular opinions, there is only one way to Heaven and that is receiving Jesus as your Savior!

It's important to read God’s Word daily.  And let’s not just read it and apply it in our own lives, but let’s share it with others so they can know the way back to the Father.

Even as believers in Christ though, we can sometimes lose our way and find ourselves on the wrong road or path.  God has given us the Bible to show us the way back to Him and how to enjoy this life He's given us and find purpose in His plan for us.

# Colossians 3:2 (NKJV)

**2**Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

When we meditate or think on God's Word as it applies to our everyday life we will receive the answers and directions that we need for ourselves and for others. When we sincerely ask God He will answer us.

Where are you in life right now?  Are you heading towards God or away from Him according to your life choices?  Direction is important; it leads to a destination.  The great news is that if we miss the direction God has for us, we can turn around and run back to God!  The word repent means to turn away from sin and turn to God.

Over and over in the Bible God calls us to "seek" Him.  He promises in Jeremiah 29:13 - *"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."*

Is your heart set on God?  Are you following His direction for your life?  Are you allowing His Word, the Bible, to teach you where you need to be; show you where you may have made a wrong turn; redirect you back to Him; keep you on the right path?

Our daily Bible readings are not meant to be just a few minutes spent with God and then walk away and leave Him there.  It is meant to remind us that He is with us wherever we go and help us recognize His presence and follow Him.

As we go about our daily life, we will listen to what God is telling us and be reminded that God is with us and guiding us through His Word and presence through His Holy Spirit.

Let's pray, Father in the Name of Jesus, we ask that help us to store Your Word in our heart so that it will always be our true GPS and that we will use it to follow You.

1. Tell me one primary way God communicates to us.

2. In what 4 ways is the Bible our GPS?

3. Explain what repent means.