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# TXT Message from God

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Week 2: IMHO: Talking Humbly with Friends About the Jesus of Scripture.

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## Introduction...

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish,  
but have eternal life.

1. Love and the written word... Psalm 119
2. Love and The Living Word... John  
IMHO: The written word is good news of the Living Word.
  - a. John 1:1-5; 14-18 - He is the Word made flesh.
  - b. John 8:32 – The truth will set you free.
  - c. John 14:6 - He IS the truth.
  - d. John 16:7-14 – The Spirit guides us into The Word...The Truth.
  - e. John 20:28-31 – These truths have been written that we might believe.

Informing –

Conforming –

Reforming –

Transforming –

## Conclusion...

- 1) IMHO: To master the written word of God is good.
- 2) IMHO: To be mastered by the Living Word of God is better.
- 3) IMHO: To be IN LOVE with Him who first loved us is best.

1 John 4:19

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- 4) IMHO: All of my friends are looking for a love like this.

## Small Group Questions

1. IMHO ("in my humble opinion") – This text message implies two things:

#1 – I have an opinion.

#2 – I am committed to holding it with humility.

How accurately does this describe your conversations with friends about Jesus?

2. Read John 20:31. The Bible was written that people might believe in and love Jesus. Talk about our role with friends when it comes to their unrealized belief and love of Jesus.
3. Read Ephesians 4:14-16, taking note of truth, love, and believing in the context of relationship. What are the implications for talking humbly with our friends about our beliefs?
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4. How would my heart be transformed if I read the written word in order to fall in love with the Living Word?
5. Name the friends you have for whom you are praying, with whom you are eating and drinking (Luke 7:31-34).