

Like A Fire, Like A Hammer

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Is not my1 like fire, and like a hammer that shatters a rock to pieces? (Jer. 23:29)
It unleashes the power of2.
It ³ to no one.
In the ⁴ was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (John 1:1)
It's His ⁵ to you
It is one thing to believe in God-to believe that there is a God-and quite another thing to6 God (Dr. R. C. Sproul)
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will ⁷ for ever. (Isaiah 40:8)
Truly I have8; truly I will bring it to pass.

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Discipleship Questions

- 1. Which image speaks to you more God's Word as a fire or as a hammer — and why?
- 2. How have you experienced God's Word breaking through something hard in your life?
- 3. In what ways can God's Word be both comforting and confronting at the same time?
- 4. Hebrews 4:12 describes the Word as "living and active." How have you seen this in your own life?
- 5. How does believing God's Word differ from simply believing in God?
- 6. When has God's promise to you felt like an anchor for your soul?
- 7. What keeps people from trusting that God's Word will accomplish His purpose?
- 8. How can our group encourage one another to hold on to God's promises with confidence?