

Truth: Grounded in God's Word

Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Main idea: God's Word is divinely inspired and fully sufficient to teach, correct, and equip believers for a life of faithful obedience and service.

Key Verses: "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." **(3:16-17 ESV)**

Key Principles:

- Staying grounded in Scripture helps us remain steadfast in our faith in a world filled with deception and false teachings.
- Regardless of what season of life you came to faith in Christ, it is of utmost importance that you remain dependent upon God's word for wisdom and worship.
- As "God-breathed," the Bible reflects the flawless nature of its divine Author and carries His full authority.
- Scripture is immensely practical, offering teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training to shape our character and conduct.
- God's Word equips believers with everything they need to live faithfully and carry out His work.
- The charge to continue in the Scriptures is followed with the charge to proclaim the it as the all sufficient message of God.

Discussion:

1. Are you continuing to learn the Bible? How are you pursuing that study?
2. Thinking of your favorite Old Testament story, what does it teach about Christ? What about a New Testament passage?
3. What does it mean for Scripture to be "God-breathed," and how does this give it authority in our lives? Would you give a different answer to a Christian or a non-Christian?
4. How do the aspects of teaching, rebuking, correcting and training go together? Do you think one is more important than others for spiritual growth? Why?
5. Besides the Bible, what other books have you found helpful in your spiritual life? What are their strengths and limitations?
6. What steps will you take this week to prioritize time in God's Word and reflect on its truths? Who in your life might need to hear about the power of God's Word? How can you share it with them in a meaningful way?

Prayer:

- Focus on praising God for the gift of His perfect, precious, profitable, powerful Word.
- Pray:
 - For a deeper desire to study and apply Scripture in every area of life.
 - For boldness to share the truth of Scripture with others in love and wisdom.
 - For guidance in being equipped for the good works He has prepared for you.

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- I. The Word of God is precious. 3:14-15**
 - 1. You must have confidence in it. 3:14
 - 2. You must be converted by it. 3:15

- II. The Word of God is perfect. 3:16**
 - 1. It is completely inspired.
 - 2. It is divinely inspired.

- III. The Word of God is profitable. 3:16**
 - 1. It is beneficial for doctrine.
 - 2. It is beneficial for discernment.
 - 3. It is beneficial for direction.
 - 4. It is beneficial for discipline.

- IV. The Word of God is powerful. 3:17**
 - 1. It produces maturity.
 - 2. It prepares for ministry.

NEXT WEEK:
Unity: One Body, One Spirit
1 Corinthians 1:10-17