

# January 9 Discussion Questions "The Word of God" 2 Timothy 3:10-17

#### Preview

"But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:14-15

#### What the Bible is...

- The **Inspired** revelation of God's truth (v. 16; 2 Peter 1:21)
- The **Inerrant** presentation of God's will (v. 14; Matthew 5:18)
- The <u>Sufficient</u> provision for God's people

(v. 16-17; Galatians 1:8; 2 Peter 1:3-4)

"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." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

#### What the Bible does...

- Reveals <u>Truth</u> (v. 10)
- Rebukes <u>Sin</u> (v. 16a)
- Refutes Error (v 16b)
- Enables **Growth** (v. 16c; 1 Timothy 4:8)
- **Empowers** Ministry (v. 16-17)

"Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching." 2 Timothy 4:2

#### Therefore:

- Persevere in the faith by **Feeding** on God's Word (v. 14)
- **Proclaim** the Word, for it is the only hope for the world! (2 Timothy 4:2)

#### **OPENING QUESTION**

1. What is one of your favorite verses or books in the Bible? Why is that so?

**PRAY** - Pray for God's blessing on your conversation - to illuminate your minds, transform your hearts, and draw you closer together as a group.

### READ THE PASSAGE — 2 Timothy 3:10-17

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 2. Why is the Bible essential to our faith?
- 3. What does it mean for the Scriptures to be "inspired?" Why is that so important?
- 4. In what way is the inerrancy of the Bible tied to God's character? In other words, what might we conclude about God if we allowed room for the smallest of errors in the biblical writings?
- 5. How is the sufficiency of Scripture tied to our sanctification? How is God's Word connected to our spiritual growth?

#### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- 6. Share how God used the Bible in your conversion experience. What part did it play? What key verses illuminated your mind, warmed your heart, or brought you under conviction?
- 7. In what way recently is God using His Word to gently rebuke you, or challenge you to change?
- 8. Share a time when God used you and His Word to either refute someone's error or to present the Good News of Jesus.
- 9. What is your personal plan for spiritual growth in the New Year? What part does the Bible play in that?
- 10. How can the group be praying for you?

## **PRAYER**

- <u>Personal Request</u>: Pray for God to bless your study of His Word and your ministry of His Word with others.
- <u>Ministry Request</u>: Pray for God to continue blessing the preaching of His Word at Oakwood Church through Pastors Darin and Jason.