



The Bible Series

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Why Study The Bible?

ICEBREAKER: What's the story behind a time when you got locked out?

OVERVIEW: Everybody gets older, but not everybody grows up. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, God's primary method of growing us to Christian maturity is through Bible study. In this discussion we will dig deeper into the nature and benefits of Scripture with the ultimate goal of becoming more passionate about getting into God's word on a daily basis for ourselves.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Read Psalm 19:1-14.
 - What do verses 1-3 teach about God?
 - What are the benefits of the Bible in verses 7-11? Which of these have you personally experienced in your life?
 - In the same passage (7-11), what does the writer say about the nature of Scripture? For example, besides its benefits, what other claims does the writer make about Scripture?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. In your own words, briefly explain each phrase:
 - All Scripture is inspired by God:
 - ... And is useful to teach us what is true:

- ... And to make us realize what is wrong in our lives:
- It corrects us when we are wrong:
- ... And teaches us to do what is right:
- God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work:

4. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that the Bible is inspired by God. In the sermon, Andy claimed that the Bible is the inspired, and therefore the inerrant and authoritative Word of God. Briefly describe your beliefs about the Bible and why you hold those beliefs.
5. 2 Timothy 3:16 says that the Bible teaches us what is true; it is our measuring stick, and the only thing completely trustworthy. Why is it important, for your good and for God's glory, to measure every idea against the claims of Scripture?
6. Another benefit of 2 Timothy 3:16 is that it makes us realize what is wrong in our lives. Describe a time when God used the Bible to convince you that you were wrong in your beliefs or behaviors.
7. The Bible equips us for every good work. How has God used the Bible to equip you for (pick one) marriage, parenting, ministry, work, relationships, adversity, etc.?
8. What is your current practice of Bible reading, and what steps do you need to take to improve and become a more devoted student of God's Word?

The Last Word: To grow to full devotion you need to be a devoted student of the Bible. Yet less than 5% of Christians have ever read through the entire Bible even once. Make a commitment to read God's Word cover to cover in 2014, and then every year after.