



Scripture | 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Ice Breaker |

1. When you hear the word "Bible" what comes to mind?
2. What are some of your biggest challenges when it comes to reading the Bible?

Going Deeper |

1. On Sunday, Rob said we needed to understand that the Bible was not written to us, but for our use. What does that mean, and why does that matter? Do you agree with Rob's emphasis on this?
2. On Sunday, Rob also said that there are, at times, discrepancies between what the Bible says and what it means. Do you think that is true? Why or why not?
3. Some of the terms used in Christianity to talk about the Bible are 'inerrancy' (that the bible is without error or fault in its teaching) and 'infallibility' (that the Bible is completely trustworthy as a guide to salvation and the life of faith and will not fail to accomplish its purpose). Do you believe the Bible is either or both of these? What do you believe about the reliability of the Bible? Why do you believe that?
(Leaders: Encourage your group to listen to each other well as there are very different perspectives.)
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17
5. What does Paul say is the purpose of scripture in peoples lives?
6. What does it mean that scripture is 'God-breathed'?
7. What do you think were the scriptures Paul was referring to?
8. Based on verses 16-17, what should the outcome of reading scripture be? Do you think this is, in general, true?
9. On Sunday, Rob said that not all scripture is created equal. What do you think about that statement? If it is true, how do we know which scriptures to emphasize in our reading?
10. It is very likely that 2 Timothy is the last letter Paul wrote. At the time of writing, Paul finds himself imprisoned in Rome and not expecting ever to be released. Why do you think Paul included these verses as some of his last words to Timothy knowing he probably would not have the chance to speak to him again?
11. Practice HABIT. Read Philemon together as a group try to go through the steps that Rob shared on Sunday to help understand the text. You may not be able to answer all the questions but give it your best shot.
Habit is: **H**istorical, grammatical, literary context. **A**uthor's cultural context. **B**ig idea of the text. Interpret in your context. **T**heological presuppositions.