

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

2 Timothy Series

These questions are for the **July 28, 2024** message, "Inspired by God." Please read the sermon passage (2 Timothy 3:14-17) together out loud.

Passage Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE NATURE OF GOD'S WORD, NOTE . . .

1. The vital ability of the Scriptures. (14-15)
 - a. The Scriptures have the power (ability) to completely change the listener / disciple.
 - i. Note Timothy, who was raised in the Word, having faith in Christ Jesus.
 - ii. This 'firm belief' should 'continue.' Examples: Gen 15:6, Isaiah 53.
 - b. Before God works through you, he must work in you, through his Word.
2. The exclusive source of the Scriptures. (16a)
 - a. The Scripture has been 'breathed out' by God. He is the originator / author.
 - b. The Scriptures are a running stream of refreshment, life and inspiration to us, from God.
3. The four purposes of Scripture. (16b)
 - a. The positive (first and last in this 4-part list): teaching and training.
 - b. The negative (second and third): reproof and correction. ('restore to standing position')
4. The intended result of Scripture. (17)
 - a. The Scriptures help each listener / disciple to become mature.
 - b. The Scriptures help each listener / disciple to all kinds of good work.

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Scripture is the source of power to change the believer's life. In what specific way has the Word of God changed your thinking? Your affections? Your behavior?
2. Based on #2, above: God is the author of the Word of God. Since he wrote them and has preserved them, they carry his full authority. What impact does the inspiration of Scripture have on your daily reading, meditation, memorization and reverence for Scripture?
3. Based on #3, above: Scripture teaches, reproves, corrects and trains us. In short, it changes our mind, and bends our will to God's. How has Scripture changed your thinking, affections or behavior in the past 3 months? What area of your life needs to change?
4. Based on #4, above: How has Scripture prepared you for all kinds of good works? What kinds of good works come easily to you? What good works do you want to improve at?