

Community Group Discussion Questions

“Commanding Voice” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 Jan 19th, 2019

Getting Started

The primary way in which God has chosen to speak to His people is to reveal Himself through His Word, but can we trust that it is true? The desire of this message is to reveal the importance of the power of God’s word as not only reliable, but relevant for all people, in all places at all times.

What has been your understanding of the believability of the Bible? Were you raised to believe it was a guide book? A good book? Or God’s book?

Teaching Principles:

Scripture is revealed by Inspiration:

“All Scripture is breathed out by God” (2 Timothy 3:16)

1. **Eternal Evidence:**
 1. Uniformity of Literacy
 2. Accuracy of Prophecy
 3. Sincerity in Testimony
2. **External Evidence:**
 1. Legitimacy of Geography
 2. Validity of Archaeology
 3. Consistency in History

Of these 6 examples, which one strengthens your confidence the most?

Which one do you need to learn more about?

Scripture is regarded as Instruction: *“profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness”* (2 Tim 3:16)

1. **Matter of Information:** *“teaching” to get right*
2. **Magnify Implications:** *“reproof” about what’s not right*
3. **Motivate Impartion:** *“correction” to get right*
4. **Materialize Integration** *“training” to stay right*

Key Concept: The Key is the Key!

How would your Bible reading change if you realized that these were the four things God was trying to do in your heart each time you read?

(How can you go from reading for information to reading for transformation?)

1. **Scripture is received as Invitation:**

“may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:17)

1. **Capable for every “good work”:** *“complete”*
2. **Competent in every “good work”:** *“equipped”*

The final frontier is to pass from reading for information, to reading for transformation, to serving God and others with who you are and what you’ve learned. What might this look like for you? (Bible reading goes from a passive activity to an activity that leads to a life of service!)

Key Scripture: *“and take up the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God”* Ephesians 6:17

- *Graphe*-Manual of God (2 Timothy 3:16/1 Peter 1:20) “God Breathed”
- *Logos*-Message of God (Hebrews 4:12-13) “living and active”
- *Rhema*-Manifestation of God (Matthew 4:1/Genesis 1:3) “Let there be!”

Takeaway: The Bible moving from the coffee table of your HOME to your HAND, to your HEART is the key to activating your faith in the full armor of God.

Prayer Requests: Pray for CBC to wholeheartedly listen to God’s voice and obey what He says, especially as we continue with our 260 Reading plan.