



**BIBLICAL TRUTH**  
**LEADER GUIDE – January 19, 2020**

**PRIMARY PASSAGE**

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 NIV)

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 NIV)

**ICE BREAKER**

- Is there anyone in your group that can say all 66 books of the Bible in order? If there's more than one, who can say them the fastest?
- So, let's be honest – no one cares about discussion questions until we've talked football. If you haven't discussed the game as a group yet, have everyone share his/her favorite moment of the game.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

**1) Have you ever heard this saying or one like it - "The Bible says it and that settles it?" What do you think about that statement? Is the Bible the foundation of the Christian faith?**

- The Bible is not the basis of our faith -> Jesus' resurrection is
- If Jesus' resurrection really happened, not only is everything possible but everything He claimed (in the Bible) is confirmed

**2) As Christians, we believe the Bible is the Word of God – because it claims it is. How do we know the Bible is reliable?**

- Eye-witness accounts and verifications of dates -> the Destruction of the Temple in AD70. Eyewitnesses were -> disciples who followed Jesus and shared with Gospel writers, other followers of Jesus that would have corrected "conspiracies," etc.
  - We also need to realize that the authors of Scripture had everything to lose and nothing to gain by sharing the story of Jesus' resurrection – so why do it? Because it was true and changed their life. People are willing to die for what they believe in all the time, but no one is willing to die for something they know to be false.
- Feel free to reference "Asking for a Friend – Can I Really Believe the Bible?" at [thechapelbr.com/sermons](http://thechapelbr.com/sermons)

**3) In 2 Timothy, Paul describes Scripture as “God-breathed.” What did Paul mean when he used this term?**

- Paul used the term to illustrate that the words of Scripture, although written by men were inspired by God
- The term that means “breathed” is also the root of the word for the Holy Spirit
  - Paul was showing that although men might have been the “scribes,” God was the author
  - This is why we can trust the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Word for us as we read it – more on this in the next question

**4) Paul gives us a list of what this Scripture does -> teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training. How have you seen the Word of God do these things in your life?**

- Teaching -> The Bible, through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, will teach us everything we need for everyday life. See John’s words in 1 John 2:27, “<sup>27</sup> As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in Him.”
- Rebuking/Correcting -> “Rebuking” is where Scripture reveals to us our shortcomings/mistakes; and “correcting” is where we are given guidance on how to overcome these shortcomings.
- Training -> we don’t naturally drift toward what is right or holy, so Scripture trains us on how to become more and more like Jesus.

**5) We don’t just see positives when we engage with the Word of God; we also see consequences when we exclude the Word of God from our life. What tends to happen when Christians do not make the Word of God a priority in their lives?**

- There is no defense against temptation
- Hope is quickly lost in tough situations
- Susceptible to lies of Satan and others
- Truth quickly becomes subjective and relative

**PERSONAL RESPONSE**

**1) What are some ways you engage with the Word of God? What next step can you take this week to up your engagement with God’s Word?**

- For some it might be reading the Bible for the first time
- Others it might be doing a HEAR journal for the first time
- Or for some, it might be joining us in the Chapel Bible Plan

**2) In 2 Timothy 3, Paul gives a list of what God’s Word does in our life but he also reveals to what end – to equip us for every good work. In other words, Biblical knowledge doesn’t do much in our life if we don’t apply what we learn. How can you shift this week from “Bible-knowing” to “Bible-doing?”**

- Extending grace like we discussed last week
- Together as a group serving at a GO Opportunity at the Chapel
- PRAY-INVEST-INVITE -> personally praying for, investing in, and inviting people to the next right thing so they can meet Jesus

