

## **February 10, 2013 Sermon Application Handout**

“Reflections from a Mission Trip”

2 Timothy 3:10-17

1. Before you begin, pray for understanding (Proverbs 1:23)! Read 2 Timothy 3 in one sitting and write down some general observations as you go along. What are some of the exhortations you observe in the text? Who is Paul addressing? What is the context?
2. Reread 2 Timothy 3:10-17. What are some of the hardships Paul experienced as one who is committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Should Christians expect persecution? Can you think of some examples where you have suffered persecution?
3. It seems that the demands of ministry have taken its toll on Timothy, thus he seems to be wavering in his calling. In like manner, we may experience these types of discouragements from time to time within our own ministries. If this arises, how might 2 Timothy 1:7 and 3:10-17 be an encouragement to you? What do you need to remind yourself when you experience doubt?
4. Besides fear, what are some other things that come up that can blunt our desire to share the Gospel? What are some things we need to remind ourselves of when faced with these kinds of days? (See Rom. 1:16 & Rom. 6:6 to help formulate your answer).
5. According to 2 Timothy 3:14-17, what has Timothy been acquainted with from childhood? In light of that, how does Paul exhort Timothy?
6. Read Psalm 19:7-4. What does David additionally verify about Scripture? What does Scripture contain? Do you believe that Scripture is more sure than a human experience (2 Peter 1:16-21)?

7. When Paul claims that Scripture was "inspired" by God, he means God-breathed (v. 16). In other words, the Scripture is as much God's Word as if He had spoken to us physically and audibly by means of His breath. How does knowing the Word of God is powerful enough to lead a sinner to salvation and benefit believers by providing instruction impact you? Is there any other source that can claim such an attribute? Does this convince you that the Word of God needs to be the leader in your life when it comes to being reprovved, corrected, and trained in righteousness? Why or why not?
8. Why did God give us the Scriptures? How are we to handle it in our life (See Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2, 119:10-12; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Eph 4:20-5:1; 1 Thess 5:14; 1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Tim 4:2; Hebrews 4:12-13)?
9. According to verse 17, what else does Paul remind Timothy of concerning the Word? How does it benefit the Christian?
10. What are the dangers of rejecting or having a poor understanding of the sufficiency of Scripture? What will such a person or even a church resort to leaning on for understanding or for resolving problems that come up in life?
11. How about you? Do you value God's Word? Do you believe God gives us everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3)? Do you believe that everything God expects you to do, He equips you to do in the Word? What doubts do you have at this point? Is there someone you can talk to that can help you think through this clearly and biblically?
12. It is good to be reminded from time to time that Satan's goal is to undermine God's Word—he wants you to distrust His Word. According to 2 Timothy 4:1-2, what is one important way to combat this? Why would this be important? How does it impact the church as a whole?

13. What are some ways to keep from being lulled to sleep by the trappings of this world? What does Christ call each and every believer to do (Matthew 28:18-20)? Are you focused on such a mission? How might you nurture a love for God and others? Who can come alongside you and disciple you? Who can you come alongside and disciple?
  
14. Write down one specific application you will make as a result of this study and share with a trusted friend, accountability partner, or your discipler.

Resources:

*A Gospel Primer for Christians: Learning to See the Glories of God's Love* by Milton Vincent

*The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert E. Coleman

*Getting it Right: The Real Problem and God's Perfect Solution* by Dr. Mike Fabarez

*Doctrine of the Bible* classes at Calvary Bible Church taught by Jack Hughes  
([http://www.calvarybiblechurch.org/site/cpage.asp?cpage\\_id=180023483&sec\\_id=180007745](http://www.calvarybiblechurch.org/site/cpage.asp?cpage_id=180023483&sec_id=180007745)).

*Why Believe the Bible* by John MacArthur

*The MacArthur Scripture Memory System* by John MacArthur

*The Sufficiency of Scripture* by John MacArthur