

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 16a All Scripture is inspired by God (main statement)
- 16b and profitable (main statement)
- 16c for teaching, (purpose 16b)
- 16d for reproof, (purpose 16b)
- 16e for correction, (purpose 16b)
- 16f for training in righteousness; (purpose 16b)
- 17a so that the man of God may be adequate, (purpose 16a-f)
- 17b equipped (antecedent [past] temporal 17a)
- 17c for every good work. (purpose 17b)

1. Read 2 Tim 3:10-15. What is Paul talking about leading up to v. 16? What purpose do vv. 16-17 serve in this context?

2. What is the subject of v. 16? What is Paul referring to when he says, “all Scripture” (cf. 1 Tim 5:18, 2 Pet 3:16)?

3. What two things does he say Scripture is in v. 16?

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4. What does the word “inspired” mean here? What are some of the implications of this for how we view and respond to Scripture?

❖ Day 2

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 again.

5. What does the word “profitable” mean?
6. What 4 things does this verse say Scripture is profitable for?
7. What is meant by “teaching”? How is Scripture good for this?
8. What is meant by “reproof”? How is Scripture good for this?

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9. What is meant by “correction”? How is Scripture good for this?

10. What is meant by “training in righteousness”? How is Scripture good for this?

11. What is implied about us, if this is what the Scripture is good for?

12. Why do you normally come to the Scriptures? How should this passage shape how you should come to the Scriptures?

13. What characterizes a person who understands their need for and desires teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness? How should this be characteristic of how you approach the Bible?

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❖ Day 3

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 again.

14. What is the purpose for the beneficial nature of Scripture according to v. 17? What does “adequate” mean?
15. What does Paul mean by “man of God”? (cf. 1 Tim 6:11, Deut 33:1, 1 Sam 9:5-14, 1 Kings 17:24, 2 Kings 5:8, 2 Chron 8:14)
16. What is the instrument of the equipping of the man of God?
17. What is the man of God equipped for?
18. How does this passage shape your view of Scripture?

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19. How should this passage shape how we read, hear, and respond to God's Word?

20. How does this passage lead to the charge of 4:1-2?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that we would be a people who understand what the Bible is, what it says about itself, and we approach it and respond to it with a zeal to apply its truth to every moment of our lives.