

Discovery Group

God's Word

Receive God's Word: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

- * Read the passage aloud one person retell it in their own words.
 - What do we learn from the passage about God?

 - What do we learn about ourselves as people?

- * Read the article on the other side.
 - What do we learn about the Bible?

Respond in Obedience

- * What is Jesus calling you to do in obedience to Him this week?

- * Who can you share this with? Who can you reach out to in order to make disciples?

- * Abide:
 - Matt 4:1-11
 - 1 Timothy 4:11-16
 - Romans 15:4-6
 - Hebrews 4:12-13

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The Bible is an amazing gift that the Father has given us. It helps us to know Him, to know the truth, to know ourselves, and to know how we are to live in ways that are worthy of God. It helps to conform us to the image of Jesus.

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.” — 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

We are admonished to “remain faithful to the things [we] have been taught” (2 Tim 3:14). Paul mentions two dangers that God's Word helps us to avoid. First, there is the danger of falling away under persecution and suffering. God's Word gives us strength to endure and stand strong in the face of opposition.

Secondly, the Bible helps us to avoid falling into deception and living lives that are contrary to Jesus' Way, for the scripture assures us that “evil people and impostors will flourish. They will deceive others and will themselves be deceived.” (2 Tim 3:13). We tend to be over-confident in our ability to not be deceived, but the truth is that our enemy is cunning. He knows where we are weak and is able to convince us to accept lies. He speaks through culture, making it seem foolish and backwards to disagree with the current wisdom of the world. We are in danger in the current generation of relying more on this cultural wisdom than God's Word. We need to be immersed in the Bible.

Paul also assures us that God's Word equips us for good works. As we study and feed on His Word, He helps us to glorify Jesus by doing good things and living good lives. The Bible reveals to us the truth about God, and we must believe it. It also shows us how to live, and we must obey it.

As followers of Jesus, it is essential that we develop a love for the Bible. We can read it alone, listen to audio versions, take part in Bible studies, listen to sermons, and talk about it with friends. We can learn to love it and develop a hunger for it. In truth, we desperately need the spiritual nourishment it gives.