



## Biblical Authority

Discussion Guide | November 10, 2019

2 Timothy 3:16-17

### Questions for Study and Discussion

\*\*Before you begin, please read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 as a group.

1. Share a time when someone you respected spoke truth into your life in a meaningful way. (Maybe a parent, a coach, or a teacher.) Are there ways it was difficult to hear what was shared? How was this helpful?
2. Why is it important to allow others we love and respect to speak into us? What can happen if we resist or refuse this sort of teachability?
3. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17, who is the primary Author of Scripture? How does remembering who Scripture is FROM influence the way you approach it?
4. Using language straight from 2 Timothy 3:16-17, in what ways is the Bible useful in our lives today? How can you approach the Bible in such a way that this usefulness is realized?
5. Read the following passages of Scripture. After each one, share how it adds to (or how it reinforces) what you've learned about the Bible in 2 Timothy 3:16-17.
  - Psalm 1:1-3
  - Psalm 19:7-11
  - Psalm 119:9-16
  - Hebrews 4:12
  - 2 Peter 1:20-21
6. Share any ways the Bible has been a transforming power in your life - think especially in terms of individual verses that have ministered to you and/or how applying the Bible's message has shaped you personally, in meaningful ways.
7. Not everyone accepts Biblical Authority. Why do some people have difficulty with this? (Share questions you may have been asked, or comments you've encountered.) As a group, work toward crafting informed, loving responses to these questions and comments.
8. The truth of 2 Timothy 3:16-17 drives us as a church to the value of "Biblical Authority." What are we already doing as a church family to embody this value? Are there ways we can continue to grow in this value as a community of Christ-followers?
9. In what ways can you embody this value personally in your life? What can this look like in your life this coming week?
10. **Challenge: Memorize 2 Timothy 3:16-17:** "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."