

Sermon Guide and Discussion Questions

Grounded in God's Word – 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5

Sermon Outline

1. Introduction – illustration of Alexander Duff
2. Understanding God's Word
 - a. Authoritative
 - b. Profitable
3. Benefitting from God's Word
 - a. Reading God's Word
 - b. Hearing God's Word Preached
4. Conclusion – illustration of a couple desiring rest

Scripture Passages Referenced

- Psalm 107 – the travelers psalm
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 - ...no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.
- Romans 7:7 - Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.
- Leviticus 19:17 - Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.
- Acts 17:11 - They received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.
- 2 Corinthians 2:2 - For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Discussion Questions

- How would you describe your current view of the Bible?
- How would someone who observed your every move for a week describe your view of the Bible?
- How does the illustration of Alexander Duff help challenge our thinking about the Bible?
- What does it mean that God's Word is breathed out by God?
- Why does it matter that we believe that it is breathed out by God?
- How does the phrase "all Scripture" guide our approach to God's Word?
- In what ways would your life look different if you took to heart the truth that God's Word is profitable?
- On a whole, what do you need most from God's Word: teaching, reproof, correction, or training in righteousness?
- What are some specific action items you can take this year to benefit from God's Word by reading it?
- How can you grow in benefiting from the preaching of God's Word?
- What can you do to pray for Jon as he regularly preaches God's Word?
- Why is a commitment to God's Word foundational for our church?
- What would happen to the church if we were not grounded in God's Word?