

The Bible: A Road Map for Life

2 Timothy 3:16–17

1. **M** _____
“How good are the modern copies we have?”

2. **A** _____
“Is there evidence outside the Bible validating its accuracy?”

3. **P** _____
“How should we understand the predictive nature of the Bible?”

4. **S** _____
“Is it statistically possible to explain this by human effort?”

The next time someone denies the reliability of Scripture, just remember the acronym M-A-P-S and you will be equipped to answer (1 Peter 3:15).

Life Group Questions

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Opener: Suppose you had never seen a Bible, or known anyone who had. What kind of God do you think you would be worshipping, if any? What would you believe about the human race and where it came from or where it was going? Would there be any source of truth about God and man?

1. Steve suggested that those who deny the Bible have either: 1) not done their homework, or 2) have an agenda which drives their denials. What would cause a person to not do their homework about the Bible? What type of agenda would cause a person to deny the Word of God?
2. Steve used an acronym MAPS; what does it stand for?
M _____
A _____
P _____
S _____
Give a summary of how each defends the truth of the Bible.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

3. What do you think each of these mean?
Teaching
Reproof
Correction
Training in Righteousness
4. How have you experienced the Bible in any of these ways?
5. What is the purpose of all this, according to verse 17?
6. Do you feel “complete, equipped for every good work”?
What would it take for you to feel more equipped?
7. Evaluate your consistency in relationship to the Bible in the following areas:
Hearing the Bible preached or taught 1.....10
Reading the Bible 1.....10
Studying the Bible 1.....10
Memorizing the Bible 1.....10
Teaching God’s truth to others 1.....10

Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. (ESV).