

2. It points to the way of _____.

"...you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus."

The entire Bible lays out God's plan of relationship and rescue in our lives that culminates in the coming of Jesus, his crucifixion and resurrection from the dead.

3. It _____ us into who God desires.

"All Scripture is...useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Teaching – what's right (doctrine)

Rebuking – what's wrong (consequences)

Correcting – how to get right (restoration)

Training – how to stay right (disciplines)

The Final Product

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GOD-BREATHED
"Why The Bible Still Matters"

EASTER RECAP

Over 2,000 was the combined attendance in our church plants (Momentum, Rise City, Grace City and Risen) and 23 accepted Christ!

OUR NEW SERMON SERIES

MY PERSONAL JOURNEY WITH THE SCRIPTURES

WANDERING FROM THE WORD

THE HEART OF A FATHER

Paul is writing to Timothy, someone he refers to his "own son in the faith (1 Timothy 1:2) at the end of life in 66AD. His execution by the Roman Empire is looming. Thus, what Paul writes to Timothy is to be considered of upmost importance.

2 Timothy 3:15-17

Consider how the Bible should be read through the lens of a parent-child relationship with God as our Heavenly Father and we are His son or daughter.

WHY THE BIBLE MATTERS

1. Our Heavenly Father is the _____.

"All Scripture is God-breathed..."

Genesis 2:7...God breathes to bring life.

John 20:22...Jesus breathes to give the Holy Spirit.

2 Timothy 3:16...God breathes to give us His Word.

This screams relationship.

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God-Breathed: “Why the Bible Still Matters”

Passage: 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Date: Sunday 4/23/2017

Sermon-Based Life Group Materials

GETTING STARTED

Begin your personal, or group time, with watching this video.

Media Content: [pursuegod.org](http://www.pursuegod.org) <http://www.pursuegod.org/what-does-it-mean-that-the-bible-is-inspired/>

What did you learn or find interesting?

BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

The letter of 2 Timothy is most likely the last letter written by the Apostle Paul. Shortly after this, Paul would be beheaded near Rome for his work in spreading the Gospel. The letter was written to a young pastor, Timothy. What was written is what Paul found most important at the end of his life, and what he felt needed to be passed on to this young leader and one he considered a “son in the faith.” One such important topic was that for a Christian to live the life God has called them to, they need to know and apply the word of God. For all who would follow and desire to know God, there has to be a relationship with His word. The unfortunate reality today is that the average Christian has lost their appreciation and hunger for the word of God. They have chosen to allow the world and culture to define who they are and what they believe.

STUDY & SHARE

1. In this week’s message, Brandon shared his personal journey with the bible. How would you describe your experience of the bible up to now (good, bad and ugly)? In what ways have you seen people use the bible to help or hurt people (or even you personally)?
2. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. From the book of Genesis to the Gospel of John and to Acts and 2 Timothy, the concept of “the breath of God” is expressed.
 - a) What does it mean or imply, when the Bible says that it is God-Breathed?

- b) How would you explain the concept to someone who wasn’t familiar with church or Christianity?

3. Read and reflect on 2 Timothy 3:10-15. What was the context of this concept and what role should the scriptures have in the life of a follower of Jesus?
 - a) What role does it play in your life currently? How often do you read the word? How often do you study scripture and dig deeper?
 - b) What keeps you from reading or studying? What encourages or helps you with reading and/or studying?
4. Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. Children need structure, discipline and nourishment in order to grow up and thrive. Likewise, spiritual children (and all of God’s children) are in need of the same thing. According to the 1 Peter passage, what is necessary for receiving spiritual milk (or the Word)?
5. In 2 Timothy 3, Paul says that the word of God is useful, or profitable, for 4 things. What are the 4 things mentioned and what should you expect from reading and studying the Bible?
 - a) How has God used the word to correct an issue in your life (explain)?
 - b) What does it mean to be “trained” in righteousness?
6. Verse 17 gives us a picture of what God’s purpose is for those 4 things in our lives. What is that purpose and how would you say you are doing in regards to living out verses 16-17?

GROUP CHALLENGE

How can you help each other create more consistency around the Word of God in your lives personally? Decide as a group which book of the bible you will begin to read and study daily. Help each other set personal goals for how much time daily. Suggestions: Daily Proverb, Ephesians, John or Mark.

FOR PRAYER & SUPPORT

Pray in response to what has been shared. Ask also that God would create in all of us here at Rise City Church a hunger and desire for God’s word.