



THE BIBLE

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ORIGIN & FUNCTION OF THE BIBLE

► ORIGIN:

- 2 Timothy 3:16 - *All Scripture is Θεό-πνευστος* = God-breathed
- Proverbs 30:5-6; Revelation 22:18-19 (Warnings about adding or subtracting)
- 2 Peter 1:20-21 – *Prophets... spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit*

► FUNCTION(S): 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- ① Teaching = Instruction in doctrinal truth
- ② Rebuking (Reproving) = Detecting & exposing all that is false
- ③ Correcting = Restoring fallen sinners to an upright position or setting the erring one on the right path
- ④ Training = Providing the positive discipline needed in the sphere of righteousness

HOW DID WE GET OUR BIBLE?

- Great Article by Wayne Grudem on our website (Canon of Scripture) brdg.es/biblecanon
 - Matthew 24:35; Hebrews 4:12-13

IS THE BRIDGE A BIBLE CENTERED CHURCH OR A CHRIST-CENTERED CHURCH?

- John 5:39-40 - *You study the Scriptures diligently...*

- CORE BELIEF: We believe the Bible, God's perfect Word, points to Jesus Christ & teaches us how to live.
- CORE VALUE: Therefore we will follow Jesus Christ by studying, obeying & teaching the Bible.

► VISIONARY ACTION PLAN: Bible studies + self-feeding

SELF-FEEDING WITH THE BIBLE

- ① Establish a fixed time & place
- ② Pray before you read
- ③ Have a clear plan for (Bible) reading
- ④ Let technology serve you
 - You Version Free Computer or Phone App bible.com/app (Reading plans, Listening to Scripture, Verse of the Day, etc.)
 - Bible Study Tools (Reading Plans; etc.) biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/
 - Blue Letter Bible (Reading, Listening, etc.) blueletterBible.com
 - Bible Gateway biblegateway.com
- ⑤ Go beyond reading to study & meditation (Joshua 1:7-8; Psalm 1:3; 119:11)
- ⑥ Respond to what you discover
 - (a) believe all the Bible teaches
 - (b) obey all the Bible requires
 - (c) trust all the Bible promises

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - ¹⁶ *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- This week I will memorize 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17.
- I will try following a scripture reading plan this week.
- I am becoming a follower of Jesus today!



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Lesson Aim: To dig deeper in our understanding of how the Bible, God's perfect Word, points us to Jesus and teaches us how to live so that we can climb higher in our ability to study, obey and teach the Bible.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

Icebreaker: Name an individual from the past who influenced your opinion of the Bible. What ideas – positive, negative, or neutral – do you owe to this person?

1. **READ** the following Bible verses and **write down** key words and phrases they teach us about God's Word.
Psalms 1:1-3:
Psalms 119:105:
Psalms 119:130:
Psalms 119:165:
John 5:39-40:
James 1:22:
2 Peter 1:19-21:
2. **READ** the account of Jesus walking with two of His followers after His death and resurrection in **Luke 24:13-32**. What were they discussing? (verses 19-24)
3. How did Jesus interpret these events (verse 27)? What attitude about Scripture (the Bible) do we observe from Jesus' behavior?

4. **2 Timothy 3:16-17** were key Bible verses from Pastor Scott's teaching this weekend. **READ** these verses and then look over the section in your notes entitled "FUNCTION" (of God's Word). Describe how (in your own life) you have experienced one or more of the four functions listed here through the hearing or reading of God's Word:

Teaching:

Rebuking:

Correcting:

Training:

5. **READ Romans 15:4**. What does this verse tell us can happen as we hear, read and study the Scriptures?
6. Is there a specific way you have received encouragement and hope from reading the Scriptures in the last month? Share about this with your group.
7. Look over the section of your notes entitled "SELF-FEEDING WITH THE BIBLE." Of the six application points described in this section, which one seems to be the most difficult for you to apply? Why?
8. Of the six application points described in this section, what is one or more you have been able to apply consistently in your life? How?
9. What is one application point you want to work on this next week to grow stronger in your self-feeding of God's Word, the Bible? How will you do this?

Close in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the "Messages" link.