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"The High Priority of Scripture"
2 Timothy 3:14-17
Memory Verse: John 17:17

Big Idea: We need to trust and study the Bible.

I. We Need the Bible because God Uses the Bible to Lead People to Jesus (3:14-15)

- A. The Bible delivers the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- B. The Gospel Definition

II. We Need the Bible because It Is Divinely Inspired by God (3:16)

- A. Theopneustos—breathed out by God. God-breathed.
- B. If God is the Author, then the Bible must be totally accurate and completely truthful.
- C. "Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (John 17:17)
- D. Matthew 5:17-18; John 10:35; John 17:17
- E. 2 Peter 1:20-21
- F. The Bible was written over a period of 1500 years by 40 human writers in three languages on three continents and there is one big story in the Bible.

III. We Need the Bible because It Disciples Us (3:16-17)

- A. "Profitable"—beneficial, productive, sufficient
- B. Psalm 19:7-13
- C. "Teaching"—divine instruction, doctrine, given to believers through God's Word.
- D. "Reproof"—rebuking in order to convict of misbehavior or false doctrine.
- E. "Correction"—restoring something to its original and proper condition. Correction is Scripture's positive provision for those who accept its negative reproof. (1 Peter 2:1-2; Psalm 119:9-11)
- F. "Training in righteousness"—refers to instruction and building up (1 Timothy 4:4-6)
- G. "That the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work"
- H. "Complete"—capable, proficient
- I. "Equipped"—fully outfitted
- J. "Whether our purpose is to lead men and women to saving faith in Jesus Christ, to teach God's truth to believers, to refute error in the church, to correct and rebuild erring believers, or to train believers to live righteously, our supreme and sufficient resource is God's Word. It not only gives us the information to teach but also shapes us into living examples of that truth." (John MacArthur)

Conclusion

- A. Big Idea: We need to trust and study the Bible.
- B. How can I begin? Where do I start?
 1. Pray for the desire to read and study the Bible.
 2. Pray for understanding as you read the Bible.
 3. Learn how to study the Bible.
 4. Have a plan.
 5. Have a time.

