

## Study Guide #5 (Leader's Guide): K-group Bible Study for Week of October 8, 2017

Title of Scripture Passage: God's Word & Its Role in Discipleship

A disciple of Jesus is committed to reading, studying, and obeying God's Word. God has revealed himself to us through his inspired Scripture, and it represents God's truth and trains God's people in his righteousness.

### 2 Timothy 3:1-17 (NIV)

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. <sup>2</sup> People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, <sup>3</sup> without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, <sup>4</sup> treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—<sup>5</sup> having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

<sup>6</sup> They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, <sup>7</sup> always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>8</sup> Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these teachers oppose the truth. They are men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected. <sup>9</sup> But they will not get very far because, as in the case of those men, their folly will be clear to everyone.

<sup>10</sup> You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, <sup>11</sup> persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup> In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Remind your group that one of the discipleship skills that we want to develop this year is the ability to verbalize scripture to people with whom we will have the opportunity to minister. So we will continue to ask one of you to tell the bible story from memory.
- So, let's give our undivided attention to \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she verbalizes tonight's bible study passage.

### Questions

- Now, let's open our bibles to 2 Timothy 3:1-17. Let's review the story and look for details that need to be emphasized and remembered.

- After clarifying what the bible says concerning the role that the Scriptures have in the life of a Christian, what resonated with you the most?"
- Our focal text today is 2 Timothy 3:16-17, but first we need to notice the surrounding literary context. What was Paul warning Timothy about in regards to the last days? (see 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 13)
- Timothy had a godly spiritual heritage that had been passed down to him. What did this spiritual heritage entail and who gave it to him (See 2 Tim. 1:5; 3:14-15)? Take a moment and share about people that God has used in the group member's lives to pass along a godly heritage to them.
- What do you think it means for God's word to be "inspired" or "God breathed" as the NIV translates in 3:16? (Hint: check out Genesis 2:7 and Hebrews 4:12)
- Specifically, what four ways does God's word profit us (see 2 Tim. 3:16)? What do each of these mean? (Note: "Rebuke" probably refers to recognizing and confronting false teaching but might also include a harsh confrontation with personal sin)
- What is the result of Scripture being properly used in a Christian's life? (Note: see 2 Tim. 3:17). Specifically, what do you think this means?
- What do we learn about God from this passage?
- What do we learn about ourselves (mankind) from this passage?
- What actions do you plan to take as a result of this study and our discussion?

Close with prayer. Pray specifically that the group can follow through with what God has put on their hearts to do.