

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

Why Trust the Bible

Getting Started

A friend asks, “Why do you trust the Bible?” What would you say?

Background

In 2 Tim 3:10 – 4:8 Paul is giving a charge to Timothy, his “son in the faith.” Read the passage and jot down your first impressions.

Digging In

1. **Read 3:14-15.** How did Timothy first become acquainted with the *holy Scriptures*?
2. According to v. 15, what is one of the purposes of the Bible?
3. **Read vss. 16-17.** Why can we trust the Bible?
4. In your own words, what does it mean that Scripture is *God-breathed*?
5. In what ways is the Bible useful? Comment briefly on each of the purposes found in v. 16.
6. What’s the point of these 4 purposes? Write a paraphrase of the goal as it’s expressed in v. 17.
7. How do these verses support what we learned in 2 Pet 1:20-21?
8. How does Paul’s teaching in 2 Tim 3:16-17 relate to his *charge* to Timothy in 4:1-5?



Getting Personal

- Why is trustworthiness of Scripture a necessary foundation for preaching the gospel?
- Why is it necessary for growth in the Christian life?
- In what ways are you seeking to learn and apply God’s word?
- Do you have any questions about the trustworthiness of Scripture? If so, here are some excellent resources for finding solid answers: (1) *Cold-Case Christianity*, by J. Warner Wallace (2) *I Don’t Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist*, by Norm Geisler & Frank Turek (3) *The Reason for God*, by Tim Keller (4) *Taking God at His Word*, by Kevin De Young (5) *Why Trust the Bible*, by Greg Gilbert.