

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Have you ever been on a sailboat before? How did you see the wind be used to give the boat the energy it needed to get to where it was going? Was the boat able to move at all without any wind?

Digging In

Question 1: Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17. Paul ends Chapter 3 with the statement “being equipped for every good work.” In context, he is referring to God's Word giving you everything you need to finish your race of running after Jesus well! Pastor Sam talked about 4 different reasons we can trust the Bible to finish our time on this earth well. The first was “**the example of faithful men and women before us.**” Paul passed down his teachings, his way of life, his purpose, his faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, and sufferings all down to Timothy in verse 10. Paul even says that because of the Scriptures and what He had learned, he was convinced of it all.

What things are you learning from a faithful man or woman of God that is convincing you the Scriptures are true? How are you modeling the example or life of another believer to remind you that God's Word is faithful? How are you then modeling that for your kids, friends, co-workers, etc.?

Question 2: Read 2 Timothy 3:12-13. Pastor Sam also talked about the 2nd principle of why we can trust the Bible – “**Evil in our world exists.**” In verses 12 and 13 we are promised to see persecution, evil people, imposters, and things to go from bad to worse! Scripture is very clear that the world will get progressively worse over time as the “last day” continue to go on. How does your confidence of Scripture grow the more you see what it says will happen come true?

Pastor Sam talked about the passage of **John 16:33**. In this passage Jesus gives us two different promises. How do we often focus on the first promise in this verse more than the second promise? Why is it so crucial to understand the promises in this passage in the current world we are living in?

Question 3: 2 Timothy 3:16-17. Pastor Sam talks about the 3rd point - “**Every word is God-Breathed.**” This means that both the OT and the NT have been spoken to us with the very breath of God. This clarity on how Scripture got to us gives us great confidence that we can trust it! **2 Peter 1:19-21** also reiterates this idea that the prophets of the Lord were all carried along by the Spirit of God.

Read Hebrews 4:12 – how has God’s word discerned your thoughts before? How about the intentions of your heart? How should you expect God’s word to work in your life?

One famous theologian said it this way, “we don’t simply read to Bible to understand it, we read it and see that it understands us!”

Question 4: 2 Timothy 3. Pastor Sam ended with this application to focus on and ask us as we focus of the Scriptures He has given us. Which one of these things do you need to spend time on asking yourself this week? How can you ask the Lord to help reveal to you which one you are lacking in?
Head – What are you focused on? – Fix your eyes on Jesus, not on the wind and the waves

Heart – What do you treasure? – Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.

Hands – What are you clinging to? Cling to Jesus, do not cling to fear

Feet – What are you standing on? Stand on the Word of God

Mind – What are you focused on?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?