

**SCC Small Group Discussion - 2 Timothy 3:14-17**  
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**Getting Started:**

How has your opinion of the Bible changed over the years? What caused this?

Have you ever sensed God speaking to you through the words you have read in the Bible? Describe

**Searching the Scriptures:**

- I. Continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it. (2 Timothy 3:14)

*“We were not making up clever stories... We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes.” 2 Peter 1:16*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Hebrews 12:1*

1. How have the experiences of people you know and those you read about in the Bible affected your faith in God?

*“Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road.” Deuteronomy 11:18–19*

2. What do you do to help you remember parts of the Bible? What ways do you teach the Bible to others?

- II. The Holy Scriptures... are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (2 Timothy 3:15)

*Moses took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, "We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey." Exodus 24:7*

*Jesus said "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17*

3. How has knowing and obeying Jesus made you a wiser person?

*Whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments... are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 3:8-10*

4. Explain how loving others fulfills the ten commandments.

- III. All Scripture is inspired (breathed) by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. (2 Timothy 3:16 NLT)

*You must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God. 2 Peter 1:20-21*

5. If a skeptic asked you to prove that the Scriptures are God's Word, on what would you base your answer? Is there anything in this passage that helps you?

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15:4*

6. What parts of the Bible have given you the most hope?

IV. God uses it [Scripture] to prepare and equip his people to do every good work. (2 Timothy 3:17 NLT)

*“Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained [equipped] will become like the teacher.”* Luke 6:40

7. How has God used the reading of Scripture to make your life more like Jesus?

Our Mission: Responding to God’s love by encouraging people to join us as we become more like Jesus.

Application of Scripture:

A. Have you ever suddenly had a new understanding of a familiar passage of the Bible? How has that made you feel?

B. What role does the Holy Spirit play in convincing us what is true? How has God’s word gently corrected you and helped to you positively?

Recommended print Bibles:

“NIV Life Application Study Bible” – Has extensive notes and helps for teens and adults

“The Picture Bible” – The whole Bible in comic format for children 8 and up