

Online Bible Study- 2 Timothy 3:16

This week we began a new series called “316.” In this series, we look at Scriptures prescribed numbers of hope. 2 Timothy 3:16 is our foundational verse, as it is here where we recognize the power and authority of the Bible.

As you begin this study, take some time to think about your own ideas of the Bible. Do you believe it? Is it real to you? What power and place does it have in your life? Take a moment and thank God for His Word. Ask Him to reveal new truths to you in these next minutes as you work through this study.

How much of your life is guided and directed by the truths of the Bible? 10%, 50%, 95%, Other?

Some people consider the Bible to be challenging to understand, other people consider the Bible to be irrelevant, while others view this book as a love letter from a Father to His children. If you could use a metaphor to describe the way you view the Bible what would it be?

If God were to use a metaphor or a picture to describe this Book of Life, what would it be?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” What are your initial thoughts about this truth?

God was active, and is active in the Bible. These are not simply words on a page; rather, they are the words of life. These words are useful for every aspect of life—our past, present and future. Hebrews 4:12 says, “For the Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

How has the Bible penetrated your life today? How is it living and active in your world today? What area of your life is the Scripture dividing soul and spirit?

Write about your favorite passage of Scripture. You may even want to paraphrase the verses here. What about this Scripture is so meaningful to you?

What parts of Scripture do you ignore? Are there parts you stay away from because of fear of conviction?

Isaiah 40:8 says, “The grass withers and the flowers fall but the Word of God stands forever.” God’s truth is bigger than our situation or circumstance. This book is the Word of life. It holds the answers to the mystery of this life and the life hereafter. It gives the fullest picture of meaning and purpose in life. And the best part is we don’t have to read it, we get to. At the end of this study, we’ve listed some tools that might be helpful as you consider next steps in reading God’s Word. These resources are tools to help you dig into God’s Word.

As you close this study consider your own desire to know God’s Word. Pray for increased desire to know God through His Word. Let Psalm 119:9-16 be your prayer today.

*How can a young man keep his way pure?
By living according to your Word.
I seek you with all my heart;
Do no let me stray from your commands.
I have hidden your Word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.
With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.
I rejoice in following your statues as one rejoices in great riches.
I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.
I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your Word.*

Resources

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An all-new devotional Bible, the New Men's Devotional Bible helps apply God's Word to a new generation of Christian men. It includes a full year of all-new devotions by well-known—and not-so-well-known—men of God. Added features from its bestselling predecessor make this Bible more engaging, practical, and versatile than ever.

NIV New Women’s Devotional Bible

An all-new devotional Bible, the New Women's Devotional Bible helps a new generation of Christian women apply God's Word to their lives. It includes a full year of all-new devotions by women of God. Added features from its bestselling predecessor make this Bible more engaging, practical, and versatile.

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In merely 12 pages a day (less than reading the morning newspaper!) you will be able to read the ENTIRE BIBLE! Another advantage of reading the Bible in 90 days, as opposed to a year, is that your comprehension of the material may be much better as you'll be reading larger and more cohesive portions of the Bible.

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