

The Inerrant Word of God

2 Timothy 3:16-17 / 06-16-19 / Paul Sommerfeld

GETTING STARTED

What sources of authority do you most easily trust and look to in your life? *Why?*

OVERVIEW

Our statement of faith says: “We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as inspired of God and inerrant in the original writings and that they are of supreme and final authority in faith and life.” This message dives deeper into the authority, inerrancy, and reliability of the Bible, so we can trust God’s Word as a guide for our life and a foundation for our faith.

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17:** What does it mean to say that Scripture is “God-breathed”?
 - God’s breath is mentioned elsewhere (see **Gen 2:7, Ps 33:6, Isa 42:5**) - how do these other passages help you understand **2 Timothy 3:16-17**?
 - Some translations have “inspired” - does that give you a different image?
3. **Read 2 Timothy 3:10-15:** How does the context clarify how Paul views Scripture?
 - Why is it important that we see Scripture as God-breathed?
4. **Read Hebrews 6:13-20:** Why can we trust God’s Word and it’s authority?
5. **Read 2 Peter 1:19-21:** What is the source of the light that comes from God’s Word?
 - Why is the image of a lamp shining in the dark used of God’s Word?
 - How does this affect the way you approach the Bible each day?

APPLY

6. Pastor Paul mentioned four areas that demonstrate the reliability of the Bible (M.A.P.S.)
 - Which area (Manuscripts, Archeology, Prophecy, or Statistics) is most helpful?
7. What has been your personal experience of the reliability of the Bible?
8. Honestly, do you live your life as if God’s Word is a reliable guide for everything?
 - What areas of your life is it easier to trust other authorities before God’s Word?
 - How can you make God’s Word the highest authority in all areas of your life?