

**Welcome to the
Common Ground Café!**



Sunday, August 27, 2017

**Live the Word in Life
A Study of 2 Timothy 3:16**

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Our August sermon series is called “3:16.” We’re looking at four passages that fall at the third chapter and the sixteenth verse of a Bible book.

On the first week we looked at C_____ 3:16. Fill in that blank and read the passage.

On the second week we looked at J_____ 3:16. Fill in that blank and read the passage.

On the third week we looked at First J_____ 3:16. Fill in that blank and read the passage.

This week our series concludes with 2 Timothy 3:16. Read the passage.

Christians pay attention to the Bible because of two great truths contained in 2 Timothy 3:16. “All Scripture is **God-breathed** and **useful**.” Let’s discuss each of these truths using the following questions.

“All Scripture is God-breathed”

How would you explain the phrase “God-breathed”?

What’s the difference between saying the Bible is “inspiring” and saying it is “inspired”?

We believe in the authority of Scripture because Jesus did.

Read Mark 12:36. What did Jesus say about the writings of David?

Read Matthew 4:3-4. How did Jesus affirm the authority of scripture?

We also believe the authority of Scripture because the earliest followers of Jesus did.

Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. How does the phrase “carried along by the Holy Spirit” help define Paul’s phrase, “God-breathed”?

Read Acts 2:15-16. How did Peter affirm the authority of scripture?

“All Scripture is...useful”

Look again at 2 Timothy 3:16 and verse 17. In what ways did Paul say scripture is useful?

How is scripture useful in marriage? Finances? Relationships? Employment? Parenting? Victory over addiction?

How have you found scripture to be useful recently in your life?

Three Ways to Get the Most Out of the Bible

Pastor Tom recommended three ways to get the most out of the Bible. Use your sermon notes to fill in the blanks below as you come to them.

First: R_____ it.

Have you ever tried to read the Bible all the way through? Describe the results of this experience.

What is your favorite book of the Bible? Why?

Second: T_____ about it.

Read 2 Timothy 2:7 and answer the following questions:

- ❖ Some people think that disciplined study of the Scriptures leads to failure to depend on the Spirit for guidance. How can this verse correct that thinking?
- ❖ Some people think that all they need to do is research commentaries in order to understand the Scriptures without depending on the Spirit for guidance. How can this verse correct that thinking?

Third: L_____ it.

In what ways does your discussion group help you live God's word?



Close with praise reports and prayer requests

Don't forget the Hillcrest Civil Forum is tonight!

Topic: Immigration

6:30-8:00pm

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