**How To Study the Bible**

**Pastoral Epistles**

**2 Timothy 3:10-17**

**How would you describe the bible to someone who had never read it?**

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**Are Christians called to be different than the world? In what way?**

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**Why does Paul talk about himself this way? (10-11) Compare what he says in other texts (2 Cor 11:23-30; Phil 4:11-13; Phil 1:12)**

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**What are your thoughts about this phrase, “everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.”?**

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**What is Paul’s truth claim about the “Holy Scriptures”?**

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**What is yours?**

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**Agree or disagree/ discuss:**

The Bible applies to all men and women in every culture, in every age, in every walk of life.

It is God’s supernatural manual that alone reveals the mind and ways of God so that humankind may know and experience His blessings.

The Bible is God’s written record of His works through the ages. It provides substantial evidence of His nature, plan, and purposes so that we can confidently place our faith in Him.

Because of the Bible, we are not left to archaeological, historical, or theological guesswork. We can know, for “it is written.”

Because the Bible is inspired (God-breathed) it is life’s final and ultimate authority.

The Bible is the “last word” on issues pertaining to God and His ways. No individual, institution, or organization can supersede the authority of Scripture.

Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, the Bible enlightens each individual to recognize personal sin, the need for salvation, and the best possible life course. Without the Bible informing and illumining us, we would be hopelessly unable to know and follow the true and living God.

The Bible is also profitable and nourishing. It provides us with an advantage in every department of life—family, business, and social relationships.

As we meditate and consider its truth, our spirits and souls find nourishment; we become established and enriched in every experience of life by living according to God’s perspective.

The Bible is the book for everyone. It is revelation, inspiration, and communication of the Person and plan of the eternal, living, and powerful God.