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2Timothy 3:15-16
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



Clear Lake Bible Church holds the Scriptures, in their original writings, as the inerrant Word of God. There are often times when people may question parts of the Bible and accuse it of being old and out of date. So why would we want to hold the Bible up as the defining Word of God when it has some things that are hard for us to explain or understand. This week we will look at the core of why we believe the Bible to be true and without fault. The Bible clearly claims to be the Word of God. Join us this week as we look at why we declare the Bible to be God's Word and how we handle the parts that we don't understand.

2 Timothy 3:15-16

¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..

2 Timothy 3:15-16 (NASB)

¹⁵ and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NASB)

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased" — ¹⁸ and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. ²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is *a matter* of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 3:2 (NASB)

² that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior *spoken* by your apostles.

2 Peter 3:15-16 (NASB)

¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord *as* salvation; just as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given him, wrote to you, ¹⁶ as also in all *his* letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.

Isaiah 55:6-11 (NASB)

⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found;
Call upon Him while He is near.

⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way
And the unrighteous man his thoughts;
And let him return to the LORD,
And He will have compassion on him,
And to our God,

For He will abundantly pardon.

⁸ "For My thoughts are not your thoughts,
Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

⁹ "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,
So are My ways higher than your ways
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from
heaven,
And do not return there without watering the earth
And making it bear and sprout,
And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the
eater;

¹¹ So will My word be which goes forth from My
mouth;
It will not return to Me empty,
Without accomplishing what I desire,
And without succeeding *in the matter* for which I
sent it.

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

13. When have you seen the Word at work in your life?

14. What are your thoughts on the value of Scripture memory? When have you seen this have an impact on how you live?

15. How would you answer someone if they asked you how do you know the Bible is true?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes