

November 9, 2014
Join a Bible Study!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 – *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

Hear (or read rather) Paul's words to Timothy, in his second letter to the young pastor. Here, he is encouraging Timothy to continue on in his firm faith in Jesus Christ to whom the scriptures point. Specifically, in the verses I selected for today, Paul wants to assure Timothy that the whole body of scripture is good for teaching, training, reproof and correction in righteous living.

Scriptures are still God-breathed and profitable for equipping people to be righteous rightly. Furthermore, as we learn in Proverbs 27:17, one person sharpens another in their interaction just as iron sharpens iron. So, together we should study the bible and build one another by it, or sharpen each other as to what it means for our lives. Here at *Tree of Life* we have several opportunities to study the Holy Scriptures. On Sunday morning at 9 am, adults meet together in the education wing to discuss various topics from scripture and find out how Jesus as our Lord and Savior changes our lives today. At the same time the confirmed youth meet out in the Youth House for their wonderful studies. On

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Thursday mornings at 10 am there is another group that meets to study together. There are also men's (Men's Fellowship) and women's (SIS) groups that meet every other week in order to be enriched by the Bible. So, there are many opportunities for you all to get out there and study the most important book you'll ever study.

Now, you may ask, "OK, pastor. But, what's your point, other than making a shameless plug for all of our Bible Studies?" My point is to get this information into your ears, yes. But, I also want to stress to you how important studying God's word together is. It is in Scripture where we learn that Jesus is Lord and Savior of our lives, and coming to know and believe that is the most important thing that will ever happen to you. Now, most of, if not all of you already know this, but by continuing to study and learn with and from one another, we stay "Rooted" in God's Word and learn to rightly live righteously. As iron sharpens iron, so we by studying together teach, reprove, correct and train one another to be better disciples. In Bible Studies, we grow closer to one another and to Christ. What more could you ask for?

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