



Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide: THE BIBLE 11.18.2018

Recap:

- When the apostle Paul uses the words “All Scripture” in the sentence “All Scripture is God-Breathed”, he is specifically referring to the Hebrew Scriptures. The Greek word “God-breathed” was coined by Paul, and may draw the reader back to Genesis 2 in which God breathed life into humans.
- In the Bible, people wrestle with their understanding of God and themselves in the context of their time and place. They write down their stories, their poems, their songs, and their history as a way to share their experience with others. These stories, poems, songs, and history have power as God breathes life into them as people discover something about these words that inspire their faith and their own story, and as a result, these words come to life for them.
- The books that make up the Bible are filled with stories, poems, songs, and history of imperfect people who wrestled to understand themselves and to understand God. God continues to speak to us today through their words. If we ask the right questions and listen, we can find God’s voice for us.

Discuss:

- READ 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- When you hear the words “God-breathed”, what comes to your mind?
- In verse 15, Paul says that knowledge of Scripture will make Timothy wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. How do you think Scripture makes one wise for salvation through faith?
- How do you think Scripture can be used for “teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness”?
- 2 Timothy 3:17 ends with the idea that Timothy should use Scripture may be equipped to do good work. How does Scripture help someone do good work?
- READ Genesis 2:4-7
- In Hebrew, there is a connection between the name Adam and the word “ground.” What do you think is being said about God in his forming of humans from the ground?
- Why do you think the breath of God is so important? What other Bible stories can you think of in which God’s breath or God’s spirit is vital?
- What do you see as a connection between God’s breath bringing life to humans and God’s breath being integral in Scripture?
- At the end of this series, what have you learned that you will take with you?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about Being Equipped to do God’s Work

- John 14:15-31
- Ephesians 6:10-17
- Hebrews 11:1-40