



Community Group Study: Sola Scriptura

The Courage to Be Protestant - Part 1 | 2 Timothy 3:14-17 | week of August 6

GETTING STARTED

- Who has been most significant in shaping and developing the faith that you have today?

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

- Paul gives Timothy one command in this passage, found in verse 14. What is it?

- We never drift toward maturity (or even toward continuing in what we have learned and believed). We are either growing into maturity or sliding away from it. What signs do you see in your life today that indicate you are growing toward maturity? What signs do you see that indicate you are sliding away from it?

- Paul encourages Timothy to grow by pointing out those who have mentored him in the faith (see 2 Tim 1:5 for more). Who are you presently mentoring and encouraging in the gospel? What additional opportunities do you have for this kind of ministry?

- Paul grounds his exhortation to Timothy in what Scripture is (beginning especially in verse 16). What in your life today impacted by the truth that “all Scripture is breathed out by God”?
- Are you continuing to learn the Bible? How are you pursuing that study? Be specific about *when* and *how* you hope to do this more.
- In what way are ‘rebuking’ and ‘correcting’ profitable?
- Which is easier for you to do - rebuke, correct, or encourage? Which requires the most conscious effort for you? Which is most required in your situation?
- In what ways are we often tempted to let emotion and experience guide us more than the truth of the Bible? How can we grow in submission to the authority of God’s Word?

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize portions of and/or meditate on Psalm 119:9-16 this week.
- Ask a group member to pray with you about your commitment to regular Bible intake. Give permission for followup and accountability.