

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5.
- 2. After telling Timothy about people who have turned their backs on God and now live sinful, wicked lives, Paul tells Timothy what his strategy should be to stand firm in Christ. What is that strategy (v 14-15)?
- 3. People often say, "I connect well with God through art and creation." Is this true for you? What are some ways besides the Bible that make you feel close to God or in awe of Him?
- 4. But what two things are uniquely true about the Scriptures according to verses 15-17?
- 5. Is there any part of the Bible about which you wonder how it could point you to salvation through Christ Jesus? Anything that seems to just not be about Jesus? How do you make sense of this?
- 6. What does it mean that all Scripture is God-breathed? Why does that matter?
- 7. Verse 16 says that all Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. This involves shaping every part of how you think and how you act. Are there any areas where the Bible has particularly been teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training you recently?
- 8. Chapter 4:1-5 give a very heavy charge to preach the Word of God. Obviously this charge is given primarily to pastors. How does it apply to your life?
- 9. What should you from preaching at our church and other preaching you listen to? According to the verses we've been looking at, how should preachers "correctly handle the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15)? (Point you to Christ 3:15; take God's Word seriously 3:16; challenge you rather than "tickle your ears" 4:2-5.)