

How to be a PERFECT Christian—Be a Fan of the Bible

Study Questions

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Warm-up

1) Have you ever been mis-represented by someone, or had someone do only part of what you asked? What happened and how did you respond when you found out?

A little deeper

2) [2 Timothy 3:14-15] In this passage, Paul asks Timothy to consider how trustworthy the sources are that Timothy had available to him regarding the gospel. **What sources do we rely on for our understanding of the gospel, and how do we know we can trust those sources?**

Have you run into a situation where the sources conflict? If so, how did you determine which to trust?

3) [2 Timothy 3:16] What does Paul tell Timothy to use Scripture for? Can you think of examples for how Scripture could be used for each of these things (appropriately)? How have you seen Scripture used inappropriately?

4) [2 Timothy 3:17] The goal of these uses of Scripture is to equip us for good works (See also Ephesians 2:10). **People can do good works without having been taught or trained by the Scriptures—why is a basis in Scripture important?**

Bringing it home

5) What are some Bible verses or biblically-based sayings that you tend to use a lot?

Take a moment to look some of them up, including surrounding verses—are you using them in the way they were originally intended?

Are there other parts of the Bible that would tend to support or contradict the way you use them?

6) Are there any parts of the Bible that you tend to avoid, or that you knowingly ignore? If so, why?

7) You can usually recognize the voice of someone you've known for a long time, even if there are many other voices around.

What do you currently do to spend time listening to God's voice?

Is there anything you hunger to hear from God?

How could you alter your routine to make sure you are getting into God's word more?

8) What part of the Bible has had a significant impact on you that you would be willing to share with everyone? Read the passage aloud, and explain how it has impacted you.