

God Breathed Scripture

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-17, then briefly consider the questions below.

This week in Sunday School, the kids will learn that Scripture is an anchor to cling to during difficult times. The kids will learn that 2 Timothy is a letter written by Paul to Timothy to encourage Timothy in the midst of persecution. Thankfully, Paul's words of encouragement to Timothy are just as true for us today.

Early in the chapter, Paul warns Timothy that he will face many difficulties ahead as a result of sin. Because of sin, we all face circumstantial and relational difficulties.

- Take a moment and write down any trials (big or small) you are facing right now. Once you have made your list, write down a corresponding verse that you can cling to when you start to feel overwhelmed.

Trial	Scripture Verse
Ex: <i>Our household bills have increased and I am fearful about providing for my family.</i>	<i>"Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!" -Luke 12:24</i>

In 2 Tim 3:7, Paul includes those who are “always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth” in his list of the ungodly during the last days. This verse almost seems misplaced in Paul’s list of sinful behavior, yet here it is.

- What do you think this verse means? Why do you think Paul would include this behavior in his warning to Timothy?

- According to verses 16- 17, why is it so important that we read Scripture with the intent to grow?

Thanks be to God that we are not in this world without God’s Word, which is our anchor and hope. Here is a link to the song “Anchor” by Hillsong Worship. Please take a moment to listen to this song and the words of encouragement it provides. With every storm we face and battle that comes we can say with confidence:

“There is hope in the promise of the cross
You gave everything to save the world You love
And this hope is an anchor for my soul
Our God will stand unshakable.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87GYkLfQQ-8>