

WEEK 4 **GROW** KNOW THE BIBLE **SMALL GROUP** DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WATCH THE SMALL GROUP VIDEO

1. What about the Bible most intimidates or intimidated you?
2. Which is harder for you:
 - a. Reading the Bible or wanting to read it
 - b. Finding and making time to read it
3. Nic said knowing the Bible is not a function of intelligence or education.
 - a. Do you think that's right?
 - b. Was Martin Luther right that the common peasant could understand the Bible? Why?

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY:

2 Timothy 3:16

1. Knowing that every book in the Bible has a human author and a divine author, what does it mean that all Scripture is "inspired by God" or "God-breathed"?¹
2. How does knowing this affect your approach to the Bible?

1 "God-breathed" is the more literal translation.

3. In what ways has the church helped you get to know the Bible?
 - a. What have your experiences been (good and bad)?
 - b. What have been the most helpful and why?
4. Application: Nic said do something:
 - a. Realistic
 - b. Practical
 - c. Habitual

What might this look like for you?

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY:

Isaiah 55 (*especially verses 10-11*)

For more on Isaiah 55, see HPC sermon from February 2, 2014

1. What is God's message in this passage?
 - a. What does he explicitly say about his word?
 - b. What does he say through the picture of rain and crops?
2. This passage is specifically referring to God's prophetic word in the oracles. But what here applies to all of his words, including his written word? Is there anything that does not apply?
3. How do verses 8-9 relate to verses 10-11?

If you get stumped, see the discussion of Isaiah 55 in the reading for day two of this week.

SMALL GROUP SCRIPTURE STUDY:

2 Timothy 3:16-4:2

There are two lists in these verses of the uses of Scripture:

- a. Teach, rebuke, correct, train
- b. Correct, rebuke, encourage

1. Why do you think Paul uses such “serious business” words?
2. Can you give an example of a time when you were _____ by Scripture?
 - a. taught or trained
 - b. rebuked or corrected
 - c. encouraged
2. What do your answers tell you? Was it easy to think of times the Bible confronted and changed you, or was it easier to think of times it encouraged or comforted you?