

Discussion Questions for July 10, 2022

2 Timothy 3:10-17

1. Verse 10 begins with either “But” or “However” (or some similar word, depending on your translation). How does this word connect us to what Paul has just stated in Chapter 3, verses 1-9?

2. Why does Paul remind Timothy of his (Paul’s) manner of life during times of persecution (vv. 10-11)?

What characteristics might people observe in your life when going through times of hardship?
Would your life serve as a positive or negative example to others facing a similar situation?

3. How do verses 12 and 13 elaborate on the statement in 3:1?

4. Is there a connection between “deceiving” and “being deceived” (v.13)? Explain.

5. What exactly are the “sacred writings” that Timothy has known since “childhood” or “infancy”?

What implications can be drawn from this passage regarding Godly instruction of one’s children or grandchildren? (Note: The Greek word βρεφους “*brepheos*” is actually the same word used in Luke 1:41 to refer to John the Baptist before he was even born.)

6. What does it mean to have “wisdom for salvation,” and how do the “sacred writings” grant this ability?

7. In what sense is scripture “inspired” or “breathed out” by God? (See also: 2 Peter 1:20-21)

8. How would you respond to someone who claims that the Bible is “inspired” in the sense that it elevates one’s thoughts and actions above what is commonplace, thus “inspiring” the reader?

9. In verse 16, Paul lists four specific benefits of knowing scripture: *teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness*. How do these four things relate to each other? In other words, what do they have in common, and in what ways are they different from each other?

10. What does it mean to “be complete, equipped for every good work” (v.17)?