



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Questions About the Bible*

Text: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

Service Date: September 13, 2026

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- What is one Bible story, verse, or character you remember learning about when you were younger?
- If you could have one question about the Bible answered with complete certainty, what would you ask?

Sermon Discussion

- Read 2 Timothy 3:14–17. What does it mean to you that Scripture is described as “God-breathed”? How should that affect the way we approach the Bible?
- The sermon gave several reasons for trusting the Bible—its unique composition, impressive durability, challenging complexity, and amazing accuracy. Which of these strengthens your confidence in Scripture the most? Why?
- The Bible was written by many different authors, from different backgrounds, over a long period of time, yet it tells one overarching story centered on Jesus. What does that suggest to you about the nature and purpose of Scripture?
- Have you ever encountered something in the Bible that initially seemed contradictory, confusing, or difficult to believe? How did you respond?
- The sermon pointed out that the Bible is unusually honest about the failures of people like Noah, Abraham, David, and Peter. Why do you think Scripture includes the failures of its major characters instead of portraying them as flawless heroes?
- Why is it important to distinguish between a Bible translation and a paraphrase? What translation or translations do you normally use, and why? (At the bottom of this week's Formation Group questions is a chart showing an overview of various Bible translations.)
- What tends to make reading or studying the Bible difficult for you—lack of time, not knowing where to start, confusing passages, maintaining consistency, or something else?

- The sermon recommended starting with John or Mark to learn about Jesus and then reading Acts to understand the growth of the early church. What advice would you give someone who told you, “I want to read the Bible, but I have no idea where to begin”?
- Read Hebrews 4:12. What do you think it means that God’s Word is “alive and active”? Can you think of a time when a particular passage of Scripture spoke directly into something happening in your life?
- Paul noted in the sermon, “Your goal isn’t to just get through the Bible, but to allow the Bible to get into you.” What is the difference between simply reading Scripture and allowing Scripture to shape you?

This Week’s Action Response

- What is one specific step you would like to take this week to move beyond simply reading the Bible to allowing God’s Word to shape your thoughts, decisions, or actions?

