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# READING TO BECOME

If you've been in the church for any amount of time, you probably know that Christians make a big deal of the Bible. We preach from the Bible and encourage one another to read the Bible. Christians have been reading, listening to, and studying the Bible for millennia. As Pastor Dustin shared, we ourselves are incredibly fortunate that we have the Christian Scriptures in English to read and understand when there are still people in our world who do not have the Bible translated into their own language.

If we're so fortunate to have the Bible in English, how then are we taking advantage of having it in our mother tongue? As we focus on the significance of Bible reading, we're going to see why and how it is important to who we are becoming.

- What's been your experience with the Bible? Have you read it for most of your lifetime? Are you new to it? Does reading the Bible come easy for you or is it difficult?
- How has regular Bible reading affected who you've become thus far?
- What have been your challenges to Bible reading in the past?

In discussing Scripture, Pastor Dustin read 2 Timothy 3:14–17. Here the apostle Paul encourages his protegee, Timothy, a young pastor. As he leads, Paul reminds Timothy of the significance of Scripture in both leadership and life. Paul encourages Timothy not to forget the necessity of the Scriptures. Let's read this passage together.

*<sup>14</sup>But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:14–17

- What does Paul mean when he writes, "All Scripture is breathed out by God?" How should this truth affect how you approach the Bible? (HINT: Think about the divine inspiration of Scripture. What does this say about the character of the Bible?).

- Why is Scripture “able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus?” What would you say is the “content” of the Bible? (HINT: There’s a lot in the Bible, but what is it’s primary message?).
- What does Paul say Scripture is profitable for? How should each of these actions be defined and why is Scripture profitable for them?
- What does it look like to be “complete, equipped for every good work?” How do the Scriptures lead us to being “complete, equipped for every good work?”

As we’ve looked at 2 Timothy 3:14–17, we’ve seen the significance of the Scriptures. They are the inspired words of God, God’s message to us. We read, listen to, and study them to hear from God, be changed by him, and obey him. By taking in the Scriptures and obeying them, we become who God wants us to become—complete and equipped for every good work. As we close our discussion, let’s think practically about how we take in the Bible.

- What do you find are your greatest current challenges to reading the Bible regularly? What do you need to change to overcome those challenges?
- What has been the most beneficial way for you to read the Bible? Do you use a particular method and/or plan? If so, share.
- How can you better make your Bible reading lead to direct application and change in your life?
- As you close, what are some ways you can hold each other lovingly accountable in your Bible reading?