

Message Notes | The Bible

Part 1: Why Should I Read the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:14-17

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- Bible statistics

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1. What word or words do you think of when you hear the word, "Bible." (Be sure to explain your answer.)
2. What has been your biggest obstacle to reading the Bible on a regular basis?

If you are someone who reads the Bible regularly, what was the key to establishing that habit?
3. The Bible is the only way that God has promised to communicate with us. What does that mean? How does it influence your desire to read the Bible?
4. **Read 2 Timothy 3:1-5.** Do you see this prediction playing out in our world today? What does Paul mean when he says, "Have nothing to do with such people?"
5. **Read 2 Timothy 3:14-15.** The Bible's main message is the message of salvation. What does that mean? How is that seen throughout the pages of the Bible?
6. **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.** The Bible is useful. Share a time when verses from the Bible were useful to your life.
7. Why can the Bible be thought of as a library?

Why then is understanding context so important when reading the Bible?
8. Share one key takeaway from this message that encourages you to prioritize reading the Bible.

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Bible Reading for Today

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¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, ¹⁵ and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

