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Weekly Bible Study

2 Timothy | *2 Timothy 3:16-4:5*
May 19, 2021

Intro discussion:
- What do you know about the book of 2 Timothy in the Bible? Who wrote it? Who was it written to? Do you know any topics that are covered in the letter?

Paul wrote 2 Timothy at the end of his life to Timothy, who had traveled with Paul during some of his missionary journeys. (For more about how Paul met Timothy, read Acts 16:1-5). 2 Timothy is a very personal letter. In it, Paul charges Timothy to stay steadfast in the beliefs and to continue to proclaim the Gospel.

Read 2 Timothy 1:1-7.
- What do we learn about Timothy in these verses? How does Paul feel about him? What is the overall message Paul is trying to convey?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-4:5.

The Authority of Scripture
- What stands out to you most in 2 Timothy 3:16-17? Why?
- What does Paul mean by "Scripture is breathed out by God"? If Scripture is God's very words, what role should it play in our lives?
- What are the things Paul says Scripture is profitable for? What is the reason Paul gives?
- What do these verses mean for us? Do you view Scripture in these ways in your own life?
- *If time permits, read Hebrews 4:12 and discuss how it connects with these verses.*

Paul's Charge to Timothy
- What stands out to you most in 2 Timothy 4:1-5? Why?
- What does Paul charge Timothy to do? How does he expect him to do it?
- What reason does Paul give for this instruction? How does our culture reflect verses 3 and 4 still today?
- How is Paul's charge to Timothy relevant to us?
- In light of verses 3 and 4, how does Paul expect Timothy to live (*see verse 5*)?

Conclusion
- If this is likely Paul's last letter, why do you think this is what he chooses to focus on?
- What are some practical ways we can be ready in season and out of season to preach the word?
- What can we know about God based on these verses?

Mission Focus
How does the authority of Scripture affect our life on mission? What role does (or should) knowing and teaching the Bible have as we are on mission? Who do you know that you can begin to share God's word with?

Kids Study
Timothy was a young man that Paul met while he was on mission in Lystra. Timothy traveled with Paul on mission for about three years and then became a pastor in Ephesus. Paul is in prison in Rome and he knows he will die soon when he writes this letter to Timothy. He wants to encourage Timothy to remember all the things he has learned and keep following God even though other people might not.

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

Ask:
- What is Scripture? *(For us, Scripture is the whole Bible!)* What does Paul mean by "breathed out by God"?
- What is the difference between the Bible and any other book and why is it important to know that?
- What is the main thing that the whole Bible is about? *(Jesus!)*

Activity: *Bookmark: cut out each bookmark, hole punch top, let kids decorate with colors and stickers, tie ribbon in top.*