

2 Timothy 3:16-4:4

³¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

⁴¹ I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ² preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

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Discussion & Reflection Questions

- 1) Drawing on Acts 2:42-47, Jamie mentioned Truro's Four Pillars: Word, Worship, Community, and Outreach.
 - a) To which of these four do you give the most attention? Why?
 - b) To which of these do you give the least attention? Why?
- 2) Timothy 3:16 says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God . . .," and yet the Scriptures were written by human hands. How do we explain this apparent contradiction?
- 3) Verse 16 lists four ways in which Scripture is profitable. Review the questions below and **select one** to share with your group (or in pairs):
 - a) *Teaching*. Describe a time (perhaps during a sermon or Bible study) when you were taught something that profoundly impacted your understanding of who God is.
 - b) *Reproof (Rebuke)*. Describe a time when someone presented you with Scripture to point out sin in your life and call you to repentance.
 - c) *Correction*. Describe a time when someone used Scripture to point out to you an error in your understanding of the Christian faith or doctrine?
 - d) *Training in righteousness*. Describe a time when someone drew upon Scripture to train you in how to live out the Christian life more fully?

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- 4) Review vv. 3 and 4. Jamie noted that itching ears and wandering into myths are on easy display throughout the world “out the there.” He instead asked us—those who are part of the Church—to consider *our own* itching ears. At Truro, what topics might we be tempted to proclaim or teach things other than Scripture?
- 5) Read Matthew 4:1-11. The Devil three times used Scripture to tempt Jesus. Each time, Jesus responded by quoting Scripture.
 - a) What was the source of Jesus’ quotations? (*You may need to rely on footnotes or commentary in a study Bible.*)
 - b) How is this passage instructive to us about the use of Scripture?
- 6) Jamie exhorted us to hold one another accountable to the teaching of Scripture.
 - a) In what ways do others hold you accountable to the teaching of Scripture?
 - b) In what ways do you hold others accountable to the teaching of Scripture?