

# Sermon Notes

Sermon series: Back to Basic  
“What is this book the Bible?”

A few things I need to remember from hearing today’s Bible Reading and Teaching.

## The Bible Reading 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

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

**4** <sup>1</sup> In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

## A prayer.

Almighty God and loving heavenly Father, guide me and teach me of yourself from your Word. Help me and others to see the wisdom and value of living life according to your word the Bible; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

## The Bible Study

### An Introduction:

The letter of 2 Timothy was written by the Apostle Paul to a young man by the name of Timothy. Timothy had been placed in charge of a number of churches. The letter of 2 Timothy with the letter of 1 Timothy and Titus form what’s called the “Pastoral Epistles”. “Pastoral” because the content of the letter is about what a Minister is to do in caring for his congregation; like a shepherd would for their sheep. “Epistle” just means “a letter”. In these letters Christians become aware of the responsibilities of clergy and of congregations. We also learn about the place and purpose of the Bible (referred to as “the word” or “the Scriptures”) in the life of the Church. The purpose of this Bible Study is to remind you of both and to remind you to encourage your church to put Paul’s teaching into practice in the life of your church and to pray accordingly.

## Read the passage (See over)

### Questions:

1. What does Paul tell Timothy to do in verses 14 and 15?
2. Why does he tell him to do that? (See verses 14 to 17)
3. What is the Bible “useful for”? (See verses 16 and 17)  
  
How do you see the Scriptures being used this way in the life of your church?
4. What does Paul tell Timothy to do in verses 1 and 2 of Chapter 4?  
  
How is he to do that?
5. Why? What reason does Paul give in verses 1 and 2 of Chapter 4?  
  
And what reasons does he give in verses 3 to 5?
6. What does Paul tell Timothy to do in verse 5 of Chapter 4?  
  
What do you think each of those would involve?  
  
Is this something you see in the life of your church?
7. Finally, what have you learn about the Bible, the responsibilities of clergy and congregations from these verses?

***Close with prayer that considers what you’ve learnt.***