

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

For the week of 1-31-2021

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

### Quick Review

Look back over your sermon notes from this week's teaching. Discuss the message briefly. Was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity (related to the topic taught):** Think about a job you have done. Was there a manual or document you needed to study or understand in order to do the work you are doing? What was it and how important was it?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** 2Timothy 3:10-4:8

**Digging Deeper:** 2Timothy 3:14-17

(Review this weeks passage and discuss some deeper questions related to it)

1. Paul tells Timothy, in vs 14, to *"Continue in what you have learned"*. What reason does Paul give for Timothy to continue in what he had learned and which people would you say Paul is referring to in vs 14b? (Hint: 2Timothy 1:5) Why is it so important we remember what we have learned and the people who taught us?
2. Pastor Al mentioned the importance of God's Word in discipleship. How does Paul communicate this importance in vs 15-16?
3. When Paul says *"all Scripture is God breathed"* what type of picture comes to your mind with the Holy Bible? Discuss what reading or studying or listening to the Bible with this view has done for your spiritual growth.
4. The words in vs 16 related to our use of the Bible are clear. *"Teaching, Rebuking, Correcting, and Training in righteousness"*. Have a discussion on what this means practically. Use these words to help in your discussion: **Teaching:** Instruction in truth and sound doctrine - **Rebuke:** Giving conviction - **Correction:** Restoration to uprightness - **Training in righteousness:** Growing you up to what you should be . Would anyone like to share a time where one of these was done in your life?
5. The Bible says those who use the Bible these ways will be *"thoroughly equipped"*? What area in your life do you want to grow in this year? Share with your group your history of spiritual growth. How have you grown? Are you working toward being *"thoroughly equipped"* still? Discuss

### Apply it today

Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?