



Pastor Mike Hofer “The Word: God Speaks” 8/1/2021

Key Verses:

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Key Thoughts:

- Why is it that we have so much access to God's word, but we don't thirst for it?
- We tend to have the “what” of reading, but we miss the “why”. This leads us to a lot of information but tends to leave us with inaction.
- The “why” is that the word is God speaking. Not that he spoke, but that even today, God is still speaking. His word is alive and active. But when you don't do anything with something that's alive, it's in danger of dying.
- Hebrews 4:12 says the word is alive and powerful, sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.
- God speaks to us through many avenues: other people, our circumstances, the Holy Spirit and through his living word.
- When people speak, the last thing they say is often important. In 2 Timothy 3, the last thing Paul says to Timothy in his charge to him are about the importance of God's word.

The Word of God is (According to 2 Timothy 3:16):

1. Inspired
 - This literally means “God-breathed”.
 - When we are inspired by something, we are stirred to move. This describes God's word; it's created to moved us.
2. Useful for Teaching
 - This is the “what” for us.
 - Paul was telling Timothy that he could use the word of God to teach others about God.
 - The word teaches us not just who God is, but also who we are supposed to become.
3. Rebuking, correcting, and training
 - When we read the word of God, we bump into things that correct our own ideas of how things should be.
 - This leads us to training to be more like Jesus; the goal is to be a disciple-making disciple.
4. Equipping for every good work
 - The word equips us as individual to be part of the larger collective.

Discussion Questions:

- When was a moment in your life where you personally experienced the word of God being alive and active?
- What struggles do you have when it comes to reading the word of God?
- In what ways does God speak to you? (Pastor Mike mentioned other people, circumstances, the word, etc. as some ways)