

LifeWORKS

staying in shape as a Christian



LIFEquestions

Your Story

- What have you read in the Bible this week that has helped you in some way?

God's Story*:

Read the passages on the opposite page.

Take a slow look at the LIFEtext (opposite) and consider these questions:

- Timothy was taught the Scriptures as a child (2 Tim.3:14,15). What was the value of that to the adult Timothy? Who taught you the Scriptures?
- How can we make sure at TBC, that people who did NOT learn the Scriptures as a child, do so when they come to faith? Is it important that they do so? Why?
- Looking at 2 Tim 3:16,17. Can anyone tell of a time when God spoke through the Bible to (a) draw them to faith (b) teach them how to do something right (c) help them realise something that was wrong in their lives (d) equip them for serving him?
- What ways have people found that enable them to hear God through the Bible? When and how does the Bible 'come alive' for people?

Looking at the Matthew reading:

- What do we learn about Jesus and his relationship with the Scriptures? How does this help - and perhaps challenge - us today?

Your Story

- What ambitions do people have regarding meeting God in the Bible? (e.g. are there particular parts they'd like to understand? is there a way of reading they'd like to try? is there a 'Bible habit' they'd like to adopt?)
- Pray for one another.

* These questions are a guide only. Do not feel you have to cover them all. Do feel free to allow the conversation to develop in other directions, if it seems fruitful (and stays on the subject!). Do pray for one another.

LIFEtext

14 But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you. 15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. 3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" 7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'"

Matthew 4

LifeSHAPE
live for God

LifeSTREAM
connect with God

LifeSOURCE
rooted in God

