

Unpacking the Preach

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Sermon Title: The Habits of a Disciple: Bible
Bible Passage: 2 Timothy 3:10 - 4:5

Recapping the Preach

Take time to read the passage, perhaps from a few different translations.

- What stood out to you from this passage?
- How would you summarise this main point(s) of these verses?

Stu began with the practical application of developing a HABIT: have a plan, accountability, be consistent, initiate and trust God.

- What about the Bible, do you struggle with the most?
- Do you have a favourite book of the Bible? Which one and why?
- Do you have a regular Bible reading habit? What does this look like?
- Do you use Bible reading plans? If yes - which ones?
- Have you every shared a Bible reading plan with someone for a season? What were the benefits of this?
- What are book of the Bible are you reading at the moment? What is God teaching you?

Stu went on to unpack 5 encouragements from 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 which motivate us and stir our desire to immerse ourselves in Scripture. There were:

1. The Bible is God's breathed Word.
2. The Bible makes us wise for salvation.
3. The Bible shapes our lives so that we are thoroughly equipped for every good work.
4. The Bible guards us.
5. The Bible prepares us for mission.

Think of these encouragements, reflect on the following questions:

- Which one of these encouragement stood out to you the most?
- How has the Bible made you 'wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ'?
- If an unbeliever asked you where to start reading the Bible, where would you direct them? Why to that book?
- How do you think the Bible shapes us and equips us thoroughly for every good work?
- Have you ever experienced the Bible guarding you? In what way?
- How do you think the Bible prepares us for mission?

Additional discussion topic

If you have time, check out the following article from The Gospel Coalition titled '8 Things your Bibles says about itself'

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/bible-says-about-itself/>
- What stood out to you from this article?

Response

- Is there anything from the preach and passage that you will be taking away to reflect on or work on?
- What steps can you take to develop a HABIT of reading the Bible?

Prayer pointers

- Pray that we would be men and women who are firmly rooted in Scripture.
- Pray that we would have a Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we can know God better (Ephesians 1:17).
- Pray that we will be filled with a desire and motivation to grow in our knowledge of the Bible.

Additional resources:

If you need some additional resources the below websites are useful:

- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- <https://enduringword.com>
- <https://www.biblica.com>
- <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>