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THE BIBLE

God's Living Word for Faith and Life

2 Timothy 3:16-17

SERMON GUIDE

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Sermon Overview

Theme: God has given His Church a trustworthy, Christ-centred and life-giving Word.

Purpose: To awaken love for Scripture and lead believers from merely hearing the Bible to obeying and proclaiming it.

Key text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

> ***"The Bible does not merely inform the mind. The Holy Spirit uses it to form Christ in us."***

Introduction

We live in a world full of voices. Social media speaks. Culture speaks. Fear speaks. Tradition speaks. Yet above every changing voice, God has given His people a sure Word. The Bible tells us who God is, who we are, what Christ has accomplished and how we should live.

A closed Bible cannot guide an open life. God calls us to receive His Word with faith, understand it carefully and obey it wholeheartedly.

1. The Bible Comes from God

2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

• Scripture is God-breathed. God worked through human writers without surrendering His message.

• The Bible carries divine authority. It teaches truth, exposes error, corrects our direction and trains us to live rightly.

• We do not stand above the Word as judges. We come under the Word as disciples.

2. The Bible Reveals Jesus Christ

John 5:39; Luke 24:27; Hebrews 1:1-3

• The whole biblical story moves toward Jesus: promise, fulfilment, cross, resurrection and coming Kingdom.

• Reading Scripture without seeing Christ can produce information without transformation.

• Jesus is the clearest revelation of the Father and the centre of our preaching.

3. The Bible Gives New Life

1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18; Romans 10:17

• God uses His Word to bring people to faith and to establish believers in the life of Christ.

• Faith grows as we hear and receive the message of Christ.

• The same Word that gives birth also provides daily nourishment.

4. The Bible Renews the Mind

Romans 12:2; Psalm 119:9-11; John 17:17

• Scripture confronts old patterns and teaches us to think according to God's truth.

• A renewed mind produces changed choices, healthier relationships and holy living.

• The Word stored in the heart becomes strength when temptation and confusion arise.

5. The Bible Guides Our Steps

Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 30:21

• God's Word gives enough light for the next faithful step, even when the whole road is not visible.

• Biblical guidance never contradicts the character of Christ or the clear teaching of Scripture.

• Wisdom grows when prayer, Scripture and godly counsel work together.

6. The Bible Equips Us for Spiritual Battle

Matthew 4:1-11; Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12

• Jesus answered temptation with rightly understood Scripture.

• The sword of the Spirit is effective when the Word is known, believed and obeyed.

• The Word exposes motives, separates truth from deception and brings the heart before God.

7. The Bible Must Be Practised

James 1:22-25; Matthew 7:24-27; John 14:21

• Hearing without obedience produces self-deception.

• Obedience builds a life that can withstand pressure because it rests on Christ's teaching.

• Our love for Jesus becomes visible through faithful obedience.

A Simple Pattern for Daily Bible Engagement

Read

Follow a consistent reading plan. Begin with prayer and read the passage in context.

Reflect

Ask what the passage reveals about God, people, sin, grace and faithful living.

Respond

Turn what you have read into prayer, repentance, thanksgiving or a clear act of obedience.

Remember

Write key insights and memorise verses that strengthen your present season.

Relay

Share the Word with your family, church and community with humility and love.

Questions for Personal or Group Reflection

1. Which voice has influenced my decisions more than Scripture?
2. What passage is God using to correct or strengthen me?
3. What clear act of obedience will follow this message?
4. Who can I help to understand and practise the Word?

Conclusion and Call

The Bible is God's gift to His people. Open it with hunger. Read it with humility. Receive it through faith. Obey it by the power of the Holy Spirit. Proclaim it with courage, because God watches over His Word and uses it to accomplish His purpose.

> ***Church, return to the Word. Let Scripture shape our homes, our pulpits, our leadership and our witness. May the Word of Christ dwell richly among us.***

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for Your Word. Give us hunger to read it, wisdom to understand it and courage to obey it. Open our eyes to see Jesus in the Scriptures. Renew our minds, establish our faith and make us faithful witnesses. Let Your Word dwell richly in Christ Fellowship Centre and bear lasting fruit through us. In Jesus' name, Amen.