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Some Questions:

What does Paul mean by "Scripture"?

What does Paul mean by "all Scripture"?

What does Paul mean by the term "inspired," or "God-breathed"?

What God's Word Does:

God's Word...

...leads us toward _____.

... _____ us of God's truth.

...brings _____.

...offers _____.

... _____ us in righteousness.

What We Need To Do:

_____ to God's Word.

_____ God's Word.

_____ on God's Word.

Study God's Word in _____.

_____ to God's Word.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What does Paul remind Timothy about his relationship with Scripture in verses 14-15? How does this reminder apply to your own life, especially regarding the importance of knowing and trusting the Scriptures?
2. In verse 15, Paul mentions that Scripture can "make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus." How does God's Word guide us to salvation? What passages have been meaningful to you in this matter?
3. All Scripture is "God-breathed," or "inspired." How does this affect the way we read, study, and obey Scripture?
4. According to verse 16, God's Word is useful for four key purposes: teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness. How have these helped to shape your life?
5. What does it mean to be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" in verse 17? In what ways can we ensure that we allow Scripture to fully equip us for serving God and others?
6. Paul states that all Scripture is useful for "training in righteousness." What steps can you take to grow in your knowledge of and obedience to God's Word?
7. Paul tells Timothy to "continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of" (verse 14). Why is it important to remain steadfast in God's Word? How are you doing this? How can you encourage others to stay grounded in Scripture?
8. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 2 Peter 3:15-16; 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Romans 10:14-17; Hebrews 4:12.