

## 8 Habits of Disciple-Making Homes Living Out God's Life-Building Word

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**INTRODUCTION:** Which Way Will You Read It?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

(Unless otherwise noted all verses are from the New International Version 1984)

***<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.***

### Living Out God's Life-Building Word

**1. Read the Bible like it was written with you in mind.**

- 2 Timothy 3:16a ***All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful...***
- Matthew 7:24 ***"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.***

Here are some good questions to ask when trying to understand the meaning of a verse:

Why did God include this in the Bible?

What Biblical principle is found here?

How does this fit in with the whole story of the Bible?

What application does this truth have for my life?

**2. Read the Bible like it tells an unfolding story.**

- 2 Timothy 3:14-15 <sup>14</sup> ***But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.***
- Psalm 78:4b, 6-7 <sup>4b</sup> ***...We tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done; <sup>6</sup> so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup> Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.***

**3. Read the Bible with the intent of living it.**

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 <sup>16</sup> ***Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. <sup>17</sup> Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.*** (The Message)

1. Showing us truth.
2. Exposing our rebellion.
3. Correcting our mistakes.
4. Training us to live God's way.

- James 1:22-25 <sup>22</sup> ***Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.***