

One Faith

Word of God

Opening question: What are your thoughts on the Bible? What should we use it for?
Let's study it out:

2 Timothy 3:15-17 *Usefulness of the Word*

The Scriptures can make you wise for salvation and give you faith. What does it mean by saying "all Scripture is God breathed?" How is the Bible useful in our lives?
(Explain each: teaching, correcting, rebuking, & training in righteousness)

1 Timothy 4:16 *Salvation through the Word*

Which is more important, life or doctrine? (BOTH – like the wings of an airplane)
Why is it important to persevere in them BOTH (life & doctrine)?

Hebrews 4:12-13 *Relevance of the Word*

What does it mean by saying the Word is "living & active?" How can the Word be relevant in our lives? God's word helps us to cut what out of our lives? (Sin!)

James 1:22-25 *Obedience to the Word*

Is reading and knowing the Bible enough? Why must we put it into practice also?
How is the Bible like a mirror?

2 Peter 1:20-21 *Inspiration of the Word*

Who is the author of the Bible?
How did God inspire men to write His words?

Acts 17:10-12 *Daily study of the Word*

Should we just accept what someone says about the Word or study it for ourselves?
Will you commit to eagerly examine the word every day?
Let's look at an example of the word changing someone's life:

Acts 8:26-40 *The Word can change our lives*

The Ethiopian learned about the One Faith through the Scriptures.
He was reading and studying the Scriptures, but still needed Philip to explain some things to him. All of us at one time or another need someone to explain things to us.

Personal Decisions:

To eagerly examine the Scriptures every day. To believe that the Bible is the complete and inspired Word of God. To let it be the **standard** that you will live by; even more than your own feelings, creeds and/or traditions. Suggested reading: The Gospel of Luke, followed by the Book of Acts.