

# DEAL BREAKERS

## 4. The Holy Bible?

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read 2 Timothy 3.14-17

**14** But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, **15** and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. **16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- v14. What do you think it means to be made 'wise for salvation'? Why is faith in Jesus vital, not just faith in the Scriptures? Is it okay to become convinced of something, at least partly, because of 'those from whom you learned it'? Is that your experience?
- v16. What do you think it means for Scripture to be 'God-breathed'? Do you think God dictated it to people, or used their own voices, perspectives and foibles? Do you think God made sure every last detail was perfect and 100% accurate, or do you think He's okay using people's limited understanding?
- What did you make of the 'God's Facebook' analogy? Was it helpful? Does it help you understand the Bible at all differently?
- Jesus said that all Scripture testifies about him, and that he's the key to understanding all Scripture. His death and resurrection is the 'twist' that reveals the fullest meaning of the whole Bible. How does that change the way we read the Bible? What do we do when we find things in the Bible that don't look like Jesus and don't seem to reflect his love and grace?
- If Scripture is God-breathed and useful, are you regularly getting life from it and are you making use of it?

Big Idea: 'The Bible is God's Facebook. It's given so that we can interact with Jesus and become like him.'

Share together in twos and threes how you're doing with interacting with the Bible regularly. Do you need a new plan to regularly read (or listen to) the Bible? Pray that you each experience the breath of God through Scripture. Pray that you'll be able to use the Bible more and more for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so you can also be ready for good works in the world.