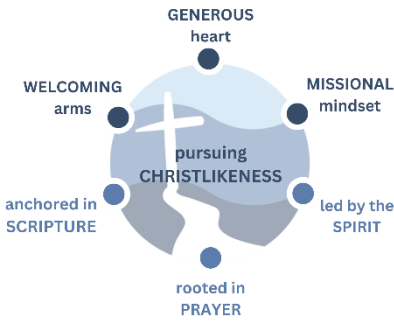


Living our Values... Growing our Culture

Week 2: Anchored in Scripture



Opening question:

- Why is the Bible important in your own life?

Read - 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5

Questions (choose some from):

- 1) Paul in this letter is writing to a young Timothy to encourage him and spur him on. From the context of the previous chapter, what issues is Timothy facing, which provokes this 'charge' from Paul? (see 2 Timothy 2:3, 14-18; 2 Timothy 3:1-5)?
- 2) See v 14-15. How had Timothy learnt and 'become convinced of' the gospel (see also 2 Timothy 1:5)? What does this say to us today as a church and as individuals?
- 3) What does it mean (v15) that the Holy Scriptures 'are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus'?
- 4) What does it mean that 'all scripture is 'God breathed' (v16)?
- 5) What else are the scriptures useful for (v16-17)? How do you apply this in your own life?
- 6) Read 2 Timothy 4:1-5 again. How do you see these things playing out in our time? What are the particular challenges you face in this?
- 7) In the light of 5) what would Paul say to us now?

Key verse:

'All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.' (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Respond:

Some suggestions:

- 1) If it is so vital to be 'anchored in scripture' how are we doing? In small groups (2's and 3's) share together how you are setting aside time to be 'anchored in scripture' currently and share what you find helpful in this.
- 2) Being anchored in scripture means that when faced with situations and challenges we will look to scripture to guide us to the way we should respond.

- a. Invite someone to share an issue with the group that they are currently facing
- b. Pray together that God would give you a scripture to reflect on together which might speak into that situation and share any scriptures that come to mind
- c. Discuss together how those scriptures speak into that situation and how the person might respond 'biblically' in the light of those scriptures
- d. Pray those things in for that person and that situation.