

## ACTS 2:42 (NASB)

<sup>42</sup>They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

## 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-16 (NASB)

<sup>14</sup>You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, <sup>15</sup>and that from childhood you have known the sacred writings which are able to give you the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; <sup>17</sup>so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

## REVIEW

Following Peter's message, many people came to the apostles (meaning "sent ones") to begin their new journey of following the teachings of Jesus. In fact, they wanted to know about him as much as possible! It's in these messages that the church's leaders conveyed the Truth about Jesus – as revealed both in the Old Testament (aka Hebrew scriptures and prophecies) *AND* about everything Jesus accomplished in his life, death, and resurrection.

## STUDY IT

- What were the apostles teaching?
- How was this a new or different kind of teaching than the teaching most Jewish worshippers were familiar with?
- How was their teaching similar to or different from that of Jesus, their rabbi?
- In 2 Timothy, Paul is instructing his young protégé, Timothy, how to lead the new church in Ephesus. Paul wants his friend to experience confidence in delivering the gospel message to the

people. What is the relationship between the giver of the message and the hearer/receiver of the message? (v.14)

- What were the sacred writings? How do those sacred writings lead one to salvation in Christ? (v.15; see also Luke 24:25-32 and Acts 2:14-36.)
- What does it mean for Scripture to be *inspired by God*? (v.16)
- Do people today see the Bible as authoritative? (v.16)
  - Why/why not?
  - What about its usefulness?
  - Its ability to rebuke or correct?
  - Its ability to train and prepare people for righteousness?
- Why does God want us to be righteous? (v.17)

## APPLY IT

- Do you want to experience Christ? Do you study the Bible with this as a motivation?
- Do you trust in the authority of the Word of God? Why/why not?
- How do you let the Word of God...
  - ...teach you?
  - ...rebuke you?
  - ...correct you?
  - ...train you for righteousness?
- How do you use your gifts to teach God's Word and offer its truth to rebuke, correct, and train others?
- What do you do when you are *not inspired* by the study of Scripture?