

WE BELIEVE

EXPLORING THE NICENE CREED

STUDY GUIDE TWELVE – FROM SERMON ON APR 26/26

As we continue our We Believe series through the Nicene Creed, we now turn our attention to the Holy Spirit—specifically, His role in speaking through the Scriptures. The same Spirit who inspired the Word of God is still at work today, using it to shape, convict, guide, and transform us. This study will help us explore how the Holy Spirit uses Scripture not just to inform us—but to form us into people who reflect Jesus in everyday life.

OPENING QUESTIONS

What has been your experience with the Bible over the years—has it felt more like a duty, a delight, or something in between?

Can you think of a time when a passage of Scripture impacted you deeply or changed your thinking or direction?

READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17 TOGETHER

In **verses 10-11**, what stands out about Paul's life and character that Timothy has observed?

How does Paul connect his faithfulness to the reality of suffering and persecution?

Verse 12 says that everyone who wants to live a godly life will face persecution. Why do you think that is? What might that look like in our context today?

In **verse 13**, what is the trajectory of those who reject the truth? How do you see this playing out in the world around us?

CONTINUE IN THE SCRIPTURES

In contrast to deception, what does Paul urge Timothy to do in **verse 14**?

Why do you think Paul emphasizes who Timothy learned from as well as what he learned?

According to **verse 15**, what are the Scriptures able to do? What does it mean to be "wise for salvation"?

GOD BREATHED

What does it mean that "all Scripture is God-breathed"? How is that different from simply saying it is inspiring or meaningful?

Read **2 Peter 1:21**. How does this verse help us understand what it means that the Spirit "spoke through the prophets"?

How does understanding that the Holy Spirit is the true Author behind Scripture shape the way you approach reading and trusting the Bible?

HOW THE SPIRIT USES SCRIPTURE

Verse 16 lists four ways Scripture is useful. Which of these do you find most encouraging? Which do you find most challenging—and why?

How have you experienced Scripture teaching, rebuking, correcting, or training you personally?

According to **verse 17**, what is the goal of all this work? What does it mean to be "thoroughly equipped for every good work"?

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

What are some practical ways you can "get into the Word" more consistently in this season of your life?

Read **James 1:22-25**. What's the difference between hearing the Word and doing it? What might it look like for you to take one step of obedience this week?

Read **Colossians 3:16-17**. What would it look like for your group (or church) to truly "let the word of Christ dwell among you richly"?

CLOSE YOUR TIME TOGETHER BY PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER