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Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ You, however, continue in the things you have learned and become convinced of, knowing from whom you have learned *them*, ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man *or woman* of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

Outline:

- 1. Keep studying the Word in community (14).
- 2. Keep trusting the powerful Word that can lead to Salvation (15)
- 3. Keep studying and trusting the all-sufficient Word (16-17).
 - a. Inspired by God (16a):
- b. Sufficient to shape us in Christlikeness (16b):
 - i. Beneficial:
 - ii. for teaching:
 - iii. for rebuke:
 - iv. for correction:
 - v. for training in righteousness:
- c. Sufficient to make us mature in Christ (17)

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Small Group Questions:

- Are you persisting in studying God's Word with your community in Christ? What distractions
 or personal priorities compete for your commitment to grow in Scripture with your church?
 How could inconsistency affect growth and the unity of the church?
- 2. Comment on the importance of all ages studying the same passage of Scripture every Sunday. How is this beneficial?
- 3. According to the text and the sermon, how could you explain to a non-believer why the Bible is trustworthy and all sufficient for growth and change?
- 4. In what way are "rebuking" and "correcting" useful? Can you think of a time when you were rebuked or corrected through Scriptures and the positive fruit of that experience?
- 5. What are the benefits of abiding in God's word together as a church?