



The Spirit and Scripture

2 Tim 3:14-16; Romans 15:4, 13
(pages 843, 805 in the church Bibles)

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Suggestions for more Scripture action!

- Get an audio Bible: Free audio Bibles for download at faithcomesbyhearing.com
- Get a new translation: Try the *New International Version* (NIV), the *New Living Translation* (NLT), or *The Message Remix*
- Get a study Bible: Try the *NIV Study Bible* (around \$25 at Amazon.com)
- Get a commentary:
 - John Sailhamer, *NIV Compact Bible Commentary* (\$5-10 at Amazon.com)
 - Tom Wright, *New Testament for Everyone* series (around \$10 each at Amazon.com)

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Breathe Deep: The Spirit and Scripture

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Main Idea: Scripture is the Spirit's gift to the church, to remind us of The Story and to challenge us to join that story.

Connecting

Think of one of your favorite stories from a book or a movie. What makes it so compelling?

If you could write your own life story, what would you want it to be about?

Understanding

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. According to Paul, what is the purpose of scripture?

What does it mean for all scripture to be "God-breathed"? How should that truth shape our understanding of the Bible and its purpose?

Read Romans 15:4, 13. What other purposes of scripture does Paul emphasize here?

How does the Spirit use the scriptures to connect us to the big story of God's redeeming work in the world?

Living

Do other stories compete with the big story of the Bible to give direction and meaning to your life? Explain.

In your experience, how does your intake of scripture tend to affect other areas of your life?

What ways or methods of interacting with scripture have you found helpful?

What practical steps can you take to allow God's Word to speak more fully into your life?

What role can your Life Group play in helping you connect with God's Word?

Pray, asking God to open His Word to us and us to His Word.

Sneak Preview:

Next Sunday: **Serving in the Spirit** – 1 Corinthians 12:1-27

Questions about Life Groups? Contact Carmen Boyd, cboyd@blackhawkchurch.org.

