



A Man Who Hears from God

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Kickoff: Confession time! When you were in school and were asked to read a book and write a report did you:

- read the book?
- read the Cliff/Spark notes?
- watch the movie?
- Google it?
- phone a friend (aka copy from someone else)?

I want to be a man who **hears God's voice and obeys God's Word.**

- To hear from God a man must spend time in the Word of God. When I read the Bible I need to do so:
 - Prayerfully - ask the Spirit to illuminate Scripture to you. Pray a passage like Ephesians 1:15-23 before you read.
 - Submissively - the Bible carries God's authority. To disobey the Bible is to disobey God.
 - Carefully - there is a right way to read the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15). Slow down.
 - Observe the text.
 - Interpret the text.
 - Apply the text. Always ask: What will I do today about what I've read (James 1:22)?

Bible Study Methods:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 Method:

The Word of God is profitable for:

- Teaching - What information is this text giving me about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, sin, a doctrine, etc?

- Reproof - What is this text telling me that I'm doing wrong?
- Correction - What do I need to do about this text to do it right?
- Training in righteousness - What will I do repeatedly to change the habit?

Every Man a Warrior - Quiet Time Method

1. What are the major themes/big ideas from the passage I read today?
2. What is the verse that speaks to me the most today?
3. Ask questions:
 - a. Is there a command to obey?
 - b. Is there a principle to apply?
 - c. Is there a sin to avoid?
 - d. Is there a truth to believe?
4. What is the best verse?
5. Write the verse in your own words.
6. Use the verse to guide me in prayer.

When Reading Narrative (Story) Sections:

- Who is/are the key character(s)?
- What happened in the story?
- How did this person or these people obey/please or disobey/displease the Lord? How do their actions point us to Christ?
- Why did they make the decision to do what they did?
- Where do you see yourself in the story?
- When does this story take place in Scripture? What are some of the events that happen before and after?

For the next 10 weeks our weekly format will look like this:

- Teaching time.
- Group time.
 - Say your verse.
 - Share a quiet time.
 - Discuss the questions.
 - Look over the coming week's assignments.
- Prayer time.
 - Your prayer time will be at the tables. Get to know one another. Pray for one another.
- Closing.
 - We will reassemble for announcements and a closing word from the leader for the night.

Round Table:

- Get contact information from each man at your table. Agree on how you will stay in regular contact with one another.
- What is going to be your biggest challenge over the next 10-12 weeks?
- How can the men in your group pray for you?
- Pray Ephesians 1:15-23 over the group. Pray this for the other men in the group daily and over yourself as you begin your time with God.