**Why the Bible?**

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**Bible verses: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 9-10; 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

**Opening questions:**

1. Do you have any questions or any insights to share in the sermon?
2. Why do many Christians fail to read the Bible regularly?

**Scripture discussion questions:**

**Deuteronomy 4:**1Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. **2**Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you…..Why did God give laws and decrees to the Israelites in the wilderness?

1. What does it mean by "adding to" and "subtracting from" God's laws? What is the implication for doing so?

**Deuteronomy 4:9**Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. **10**Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when he said to me, “Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children.”

1. Why should we guard our hearts? What will happen if we don't guard it well?
2. Why did the descendants of Israel not know God? What does this remind us of?

**2 Timothy 3:16**All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17**so that the servant of God[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+tim+3&version=NIV#fen-NIV-29871a)] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

1. What are the benefits that God's Word gives us?
2. How should a person who receives blessings from God live his life?

**Applications:**

1. Are you willing to take root in the Word of God this year? How do you implement this plan concretely?
2. Please share one thing you learn today.