

## Sermon Discussion Guide 9.24.23

### Centripetal Faith: Scripture

#### 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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**Preparation:** Reflect on your memories of how you were taught Scripture as a child.

**Discuss:** What role did your **family** play in teaching you Scripture? What role did your **congregation** play in teaching you Scripture? What did you learn from the **world** around you about Scripture?

**Read:** 2 Timothy 3:14-17 This passage lists several different ways that Scripture is used (to teach, to reproach, to correct, etc.). What other ways can Scripture be used in our lives? Give some examples of Scriptures that have been used in other ways, such as for comfort, for lament, for praise etc.

**List and discuss:** Beyond 2 Timothy, list as many other Scriptures as you can that talk about God's Word and that teach us about the importance of Scripture.

**Discuss:** What differences are you aware of between how Mennonites/Anabaptists use Scripture and how other denominations study/use/interpret Scripture?

**What do you think:** How is HMC doing on incorporating teaching about Scripture in our Sunday Schools, Sunday morning worship, life of the congregation? How might the church do a better job of supporting households and families, discipleship communities and small groups in studying Scripture?

**Discuss:** What role did memorizing Scripture play in your life as a child? Would you like to see a greater emphasis placed on memorization of Scripture now?

**Extra Credit:** Many people find it difficult to talk about the role of Scripture at all due to the current polarization in the church around sexuality issues. Even if we can't agree on that issue, how might it be possible to talk about Scripture in relation to other issues?