

Breadcrumbs Philosophy

1. Breadcrumbs Ministries is dedicated to creating in-depth, user friendly Bible Studies that contain both Student Workbooks and Answer Keys.
2. Our Bible Studies use what we call the Breadcrumbs method of studying.
3. The Breadcrumbs method of studying focuses on Exegeting a passage of Scripture, Topic, or Idea using the analogy of faith (allowing Scripture to interpret Scripture).
4. Using an overabundance of Scripture references, our ultimate goal is to create a literal trail of breadcrumbs for you to follow that will, step by step, lead you into a proper understanding of what the passage you're studying truly means.
5. The trail of breadcrumbs is created by 1) offering both background and connective information, and 2) using tables that include Bible References, Questions, and space for Answers.
6. Each table, with its information and sets of questions, may seem at first to have little to do with the passage of study in question, but in reality will guide you so that upon completion, you can look back and see exactly how you arrived at the proper interpretation and understanding of that passage.
7. A comment we often hear about our Breadcrumbs method is that "it seems like we went way out of the way to build an argument, only to look back when done to see how it all fits together." Our hope is that once you've followed the trail of breadcrumbs we've laid out, the passage of Scripture you're studying should look completely different the next time you read it because you have gained a deeper level of understanding than just reading alone could offer.
8. The deeper level of understanding will include much smaller aspects of the passage that might otherwise be overlooked. For example, in Galatians 1:1-2 we see Paul defending his Apostolic authority. Our method of study using various books of the Bible will examine in great detail how Paul received his authority, from whom, and why he was defending it in the first place.
9. Our study method has often been described as studying the entire Bible just to understand one verse of Scripture. This is said jokingly, but it's not too far from the truth. When we say we use an overabundance of Scripture to study a passage, we're not kidding. ☺ As an example, if we want to study 2 Timothy 3:16, we'd use the Breadcrumbs method to fully understand what Paul means by "*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.*"

Bible References	Question	Answer
Matthew 22:31-32	What does Jesus indicate about the Scriptures?	What was written was spoken by God!
Matthew 22:43 Acts 1:6	Who inspired David to write?	The Holy Spirit.
John 10:35	What does Jesus cannot happen to the Scriptures?	They cannot be broken.
Acts 28:25	Who specifically spoke through the prophet Isaiah?	The Holy Spirit
	So, what does this mean for our study of 2 Timothy 3:16	It means that God wrote the Bible.
Hebrews 4:12	Offer four adjectives/ verbs that demonstrate that the Bible is far more than just words on a page.	The Word of God is <i>living</i> .
		The Word of God is <i>powerful</i> .
		The Word of God <i>pierces</i> .
		The Word of God <i>discerns</i> .
Romans 1:16	What does God specifically use that Paul says is the power of God to salvation?	The Gospel
1 Corinthians 1:18 1 Corinthians 1:21	Though worded differently than Romans, what is the power of God that saves?	The message of the cross, a.k.a. the Gospel.
2 Timothy 3:16*	How do we know the Bible is inspired?	This means that all Scripture is breathed out from the mouth of God, as if God were actually speaking the very words.
	*Given by inspiration of God literally means breathed out by God.	
2 Peter 1:21	Where, specifically, did we get the Bible?	Holy men wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

10. When we first read 2 Timothy 3:16 we might know that All Scripture means the Bible, but after following the breadcrumbs that have been laid out we can now read the same passage with a deeper understanding:

- a. What we have written was actually spoken by God.
- b. God the Holy Spirit actually spoke to the prophets who wrote down God's Word.
- c. The Bible is far more than words on a page; they are living and powerful, can pierce, and can discern.
- d. This is why we can say that the Word of God (the Gospel especially) actually has the power to change men and save men.