

## Day 30 - Unapologetically Biblical

Today, we will focus on Stonegate's core value of being *Unapologetically Biblical*. We believe God's Word is true and is the authority to which we submit our leadership, teaching, ministries, and lives.

What does it mean to be unapologetically biblical in your everyday life? Think through how that value impacts you where you live, work, and play.

Our focus scripture for today is 2 Timothy 3:14-17

“<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, <sup>15</sup> and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

The Bible is not a list of rules for us to follow. Instead, it is one giant story of God's interaction with humanity and the redemptive work of Jesus that transforms people's hearts so that they can live a life of flourishing and share that flourishing with the world. God invites us to participate in that story by joining Him in His work. This Scripture from 2 Timothy highlights a way we can do this by using the story of Scripture and the wisdom it outlines as the primary way to order and shape our lives. To be *Unapologetically Biblical*, we must know what the Bible says and willingly submit our lives to its authority so that we can look more and more like Jesus every day. Then and only then will we experience the promise of 2 Timothy of God equipping us for His good work.

Pause to ask God to illuminate areas in your life where you can more fully become a part of His redemptive work by following the wisdom of Scripture. What areas of your life need to be brought more in line with His Word so that you and those around you can flourish?

As an invitation to a spiritual practice—a way to say “yes, Lord,” we encourage you to read Psalm 119, verses 1-16. Spend time reading it multiple times, considering its message, and praying through these verses as a way of walking in what you have believed.

Prepare to walk with God into the day before us, may our offering to the Lord echo the psalmist in Psalm 119 verse 10 and 11:

“<sup>10</sup> With all my heart I have sought You; Do not let me wander from your commandments. <sup>11</sup> Your word I have treasured in my heart.”

Father, help us discern where you are leading us as a church - making Your invitation clear.

Jesus, help us become worshipers, friends, apprentices, and guides who live as disciple-makers in all areas of our everyday.

Spirit, help us become a disciple-making hub, loving the lost and proclaiming Jesus in all we do and say so our communities will flourish.