

5. Read the following passages. What does each verse tell us about scripture?

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Psalm 19:7-11

Matthew 5:17-18

Romans 15:4

6. What personal needs has the Holy Spirit exposed during this study? How can we pray with you about those needs? Consider memorizing 2 Timothy 3:16-17.



Sunday, August 25, 2024

A Strong Foundation
1. The Bible
2 Timothy 3:16-17

We believe that God inspired the Bible, God's infallible written word, the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible was uniquely, verbally, and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and was written without error in the original manuscripts. It is the supreme and final authority for all matters of faith and practice.

Three Truths About the Bible:

1. The Bible is the _____ word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:20-21)

2. The Bible is the _____ word of God (Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2, Hebrews 6:18, John 17:17)

3. The Bible is the _____ word of God (2 Peter 1:3, Hebrews 4:12, Joshua 1:8)

Study Guide

For the week of August 25, 2024

(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. What is the value of a church having a statement of faith? How important is it that the average church member knows what it says and what it means? Read our church's statement on the Bible. If you were going to put it in your own words, what would it say?

2. We talk about scripture as God's inspired word. What does that mean? Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does it mean that scripture is God-breathed? To what extent is it given by God? Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. Where does Peter say scripture came from? How did God make that happen? Read Exodus 24:1-4, Jeremiah 36:1-3, and 2 Peter 3:15-16. In these passages how did God inspire the writers of scripture?

3. What does it mean that the Bible is infallible? What does it mean that the Bible is inerrant? Why are these two ideas important in our understanding of scripture? Read Numbers 23:19, Titus 1:2, and Hebrews 6:18. What do these verses tell us about God's character? If God can not lie, what does that tell us about his word? Read John 17:17. What does Jesus say here about God's word? Our statement of faith mentions the original manuscripts. What do inerrancy and infallibility have to do with the preservation of God's word?

4. The Bible "is the supreme and final authority for all matters of faith and practice." What should determine what we believe, how we act and what we do as a church? What about as individual believers? Why? Read 2 Peter 1:3. What has God given us to help us know what we need for life and godliness? Where do we most clearly find what God is like and what he expects of us?