



The Word of God & The Will of God

WEEK OF June 17, 2018

Various Scripture

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1. What impacted you the most from Gene Getz's message on Sunday?

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2. How are the teachings of the Bible distinct from all other teachings we receive? In your own words, what is the purpose of the Bible and why is studying it important for the Christian?

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and Hebrews 4:12-13. 2 Timothy 3:16 teaches us that all Scripture is God-breathed. What does this imply about Scripture and why is the divine inspiration of Scripture important?

4. **What do these two passages teach us about the power God’s Word can have in the life of a believer? How has God’s Word proven powerful in your life?**

5. **Read Psalm 119:1-8 and 17-24. What kind of relationship does the person who is blessed have with God’s Word? What is God’s expectation for the psalmist in terms of how he studied God’s Word (vv. 4-6)?**

6. **Why isn’t it enough to merely read God’s Word? Why is it important that we devote time and energy to carefully studying the Bible (v. 20; vv. 23-24)?**

7. **Why might verse 18 be an important prayer to make prior to studying God’s Word? What can keep us from seeing the beauty of God’s Word (see 2 Cor. 4:4)?**

8. **Read 2 Peter 2:1-3. How do false teachers try to disguise their real motives and what are some common false teachings you’ve heard about the Bible? How does the truth of Scripture protect us against false teaching?**

9. Why is it important to understand the truth of Scripture and why is it important to live in that truth each day? What does “living in that truth” look like?

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10. Give steps you could take this week to study God’s Word more carefully and thoughtfully.

11. What do we lose if we choose to only study Scripture on our own, rather than being an active part of a biblical community where we can be taught the Word of God? What do we lose if the opposite is true?

12. What spiritual benefits might come from making time to study God’s Word with your family? How might doing so deepen your understanding and appreciation for God’s Word?