

Small Group Study
ONE LIFE CHURCH

Week of February 8

Core Value # 2 – Bible-Centered Authority

Scripture is our authority and tells God's grand story of the redemption of sinful man to himself through Jesus. We will seek to order our lives and our church around the truth of scripture.

Key Scriptures:

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Psalm 119:133; Proverbs 3:5-6
- Matthew 7:24-27

Teaching Highlights:

- Scripture is God's very word revealing who He is and what He created man to be. The written word of God reveals the living Word of God.
- All of God's word needs to be looked at in the context of all of God's word.
- From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture tells one consistent story of God's dealing with sinful man and his desire for man to know Him, love Him and follow Him.
- God's word gives His people wisdom from above for living here on earth.
- It's not enough to hear God's word. Jesus said our lives will stand firm when we obediently carry out His word.

Discussion Questions:

- What voices compete with Scripture's authority in your life? What are the factors that make it difficult for us to order our lives around its truth? Why is it important to not treat God's commands as optional for believers to follow?
- How does following God's word unify a diverse church?
- What's the danger of reading verses or even passages of scripture in isolation from the rest of Scripture?
- One cannot submit to the authority of Scripture without knowing what it says. What are you currently doing or what do you need to begin doing to increase both your knowledge and living out of scripture?
- Besides simply spending more time in God's word, how does your study of Scripture need to change to for you to be more effective in carrying it out?

Prayer Prompts:

- Praise God for His kindness in revealing Himself to us through His word.
- Confess those areas of Scripture that you are seeing as just another option or suggestion to choose from.
- Thank Him for inspiring and preserving His word for us.
- Ask Him to help you to grow in your obedience to His word out of a deep love for Him.