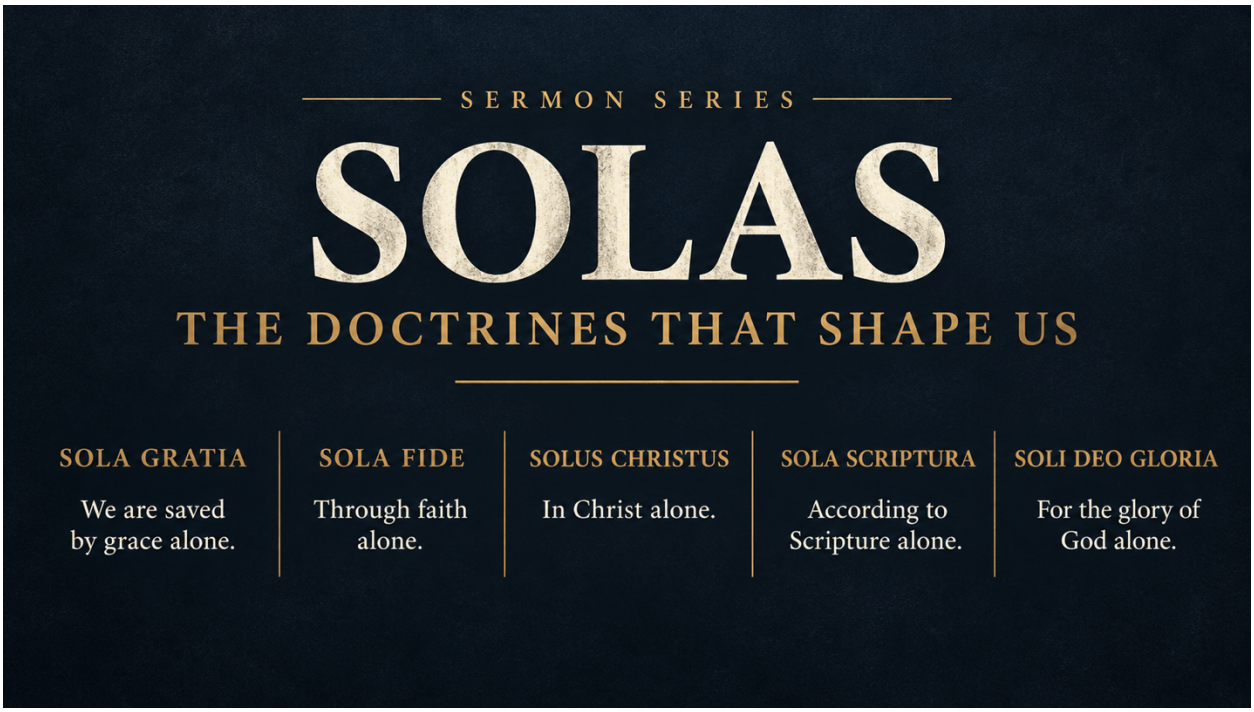
Scripture Alone: A Deeper Dive
Reading Plan
Monday, November 2 through Friday, November 6



WEEK 1 – The Book that Reads Us And Shapes Us

Scripture Alone

Sola Scriptura: The Word of God Alone

THE BIG IDEA

God has spoken through his Word, and his Word is our authority in all of life. It takes precedence over our feelings, our traditions, and over me.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

> **16** All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, **17** that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.
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> 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (ESV)

THE WHOLE SERIES IN ONE SENTENCE

Salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, according to Scripture alone, for the glory of God alone.

These are not five separate doctrines. They are the gospel seen from five angles, and each one answers a different question.

FOR YOU, YOUR FAMILY, OR YOUR SMALL GROUP

Where do people today look for "the final word" on what is true and good? Where do you?

The **SOAP METHOD** of Bible Study

SOAP is a popular and structured way to study the Bible that helps readers engage with Scripture on a deeper level. It stands for **Scripture, Observation, Application, and Prayer**.
Here is a short description of each step along with questions to guide your reading:

Scripture

- **Description:** What caught your attention in reading the passage? Physically writing it down helps you focus on the exact wording.
- **Questions:**
    - Which verse or phrase caught my attention?
    - What words or themes are present?

Observation

- **Description:** Analyze the context and meaning of the text. Look up the passage and read the surrounding text. Look at what is happening, who is speaking, and what the original message was.
- **Questions:**
    - Who wrote this, who is it written to, and what is the main setting?
    - What is the central truth, lesson, or command in this passage?
    - What does this tell me about God's character?

Application

- **Description:** Connect the scripture to your personal life. Consider how the truth you observed changes how you live, think, or act today.
- **Questions:**
    - How does this passage apply to my current life circumstances?
    - What changes do I need to make in my attitude, habits, or relationships based on this?
    - Is there a sin to confess, a promise to claim, or a command to obey?

Prayer

- **Description:** Turn your reflections into a conversation with God. Ask Him for the strength to apply what you have learned and thank Him for His word.
- **Questions:**
    - What do I want to thank God for after reading this?
    - How can I ask God to help me live out this truth today?
    - Who else can I pray for based on the themes of this passage?

DAY 1 · MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Breathed Out by God

READ

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5. **Also read:** Romans 15:4; 2 Peter 1:19–21

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- Which of the four, teaching, reproof, correction, or training, do you most need from God's Word right now?
- Who first taught you the Scriptures? Thank God for them by name.
- What would change this week if you treated the Bible as God's own voice?

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S **Scripture**

O **Observation**

A **Application**

P **Prayer**

DAY 2 · TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The Word That Stands

READ

Isaiah 40:6-8. Also read: Psalm 119:89–96; 1 Peter 1:23–25

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- What voices most shape your mood and your fears right now?
- What would it look like to let God's Word have the last word today, before the news does?
- Pray for the elections whatever the outcome.

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Your kingdom come." Pray for the shalom of Big Timber and beyond, and for leaders who will rule with justice.

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S Scripture

O Observation

A Application

P Prayer

DAY 3 · WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Sweeter Than Honey

READ

Psalm 19:7–11 – Also read: Psalm 119:97–105

REFLECT

We often talk about the Bible's authority, and we should. But Psalm 19 reminds us that God's Word is not only something we submit to. It is something we can enjoy.

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- Which of the six gifts in verses 7–11 most resonate with you today?
- Is Bible reading a duty or a delight for you right now? Tell God honestly.
- Where do you need a lamp for your feet this week?

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DAY 4 · THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

The Book That Reads Us

READ

Hebrews 4:12–16. Also read: Hebrews 4:14–16; Psalm 139:23–24

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- When has a passage of Scripture "read" you, seeing something you had not admitted?
- Do you tend to excuse yourself or condemn yourself? How does verse Hebrews 4:16 answer both?
- What is one thing you need to bring to the throne of grace today?

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Confess what God's Word has shown you, and receive his mercy.

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DAY 5 · FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Hearts Burning

READ

Luke 24:25–32. Also read: Luke 24:44–45; John 5:39

QUESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED

- Where did you meet Jesus in Scripture this week?
- Is there a part of the Bible you've avoided? Ask Jesus to open it to you.
- Who could you invite to walk the road with you through the rest of this series?

PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Hallowed be your name." Thank God that he has spoken, and that his Word leads us to his Son.

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LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 8: Grace Alone

But God, His Work for Our Good

Next week we ask: Where does salvation come from? Read Ephesians 2:1–10 before Sunday, and notice the two words in verse 4 that change everything.

MEMORY CHECK

Can you say 2 Timothy 3:16–17 from memory? Try it with someone this weekend.

ONE THING GOD SHOWED ME THIS WEEK