

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 1, 2015

Topic: Sola Scriptura

Memory Passage: 1 Timothy 3:16-17

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Num. 23:19, 2 Sam. 7:28, Titus 1:2, & Hebrews 6:18.** This week we will examine the Reformation doctrine of Sola Scriptura, which a Latin phrase translated Scripture Alone. The doctrine of Sola Scriptura maintains that Scripture is the only authoritative, infallible, necessary, and sufficient standard for faith and practice.

(b) What do these verses teach you about God's character, and why does God's character matter when we think of Scripture?

(c) **Read Prov. 30:5 & John 17:17.** What do you learn about the witness of Scripture concerning its own truthfulness?

(d) Why is it important to believe that Scripture itself is true? How would it affect you if you thought Scripture was *not* true?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Matt. 4:4, 5:17-19, 1 Cor. 14:37, 1 Tim. 5:18, & 2 Pet. 3:16.** What was Jesus' view of the OT Scriptures?

(b) What was Paul's view of the NT Scriptures (note that in 1 Tim. 5:18 Paul quotes Jesus' words found in Luke 10:7)?

(c) What was Peter's view of the NT writings of Paul?

(d) In these selected passages, what do Paul, Peter, and Jesus reveal to us about the nature of the OT & NT writings?

(e) What do you learn about the Scriptures witness to its own authority?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read 2 Tim. 3:14-17.** The Greek word translated "breathed out by God" was probably coined by Paul because it exists in no other Greek literature prior to this usage. What implications does this phrase carry concerning the nature of the Scriptures?

(b) Is Paul referring only to the OT or to the NT as well when he writes "all Scripture?" How do you know?

(c) Explain how Scripture was both breathed out by God and written by men.

(d) Explain how the OT is “able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Deut. 4:2, 12:32, Ps. 19:7-11, 2 Tim. 3:16-17 & Rev. 22:18-19.** According to Psalm 119:7-11, how will a constant intake of God’s word benefit you? Are these benefits present in your life? If not, what steps will you take today to receive them?

(b) Explain how Scripture is profitable for the 4 outcomes listed in 2 Tim. 3:16. Give examples of how each one of these are (1) accomplished in your own life, and (2) used by you in your ministry to others.

(c) What do the commands not to add or subtract from the Scriptures tell us about its sufficiency?

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Deut. 29:29, Matt. 4:4, Rom. 10:13-17, & 1 Pet. 2:2.** Write down everything you learn about the necessity of Scripture from these verses. In other words, what types of things cannot happen without Scripture?

(b) **Read Deut. 6:6-7, Ps. 19:7b, & 119:130.** What do you learn about the clarity of Scripture from these verses?

(c) What implications does this (i.e. the fact that Scripture is accessible and clear to the simple) have for raising your family? For evangelism? For discipleship?

(d) Given what you have learned about the authority, sufficiency, necessity, and clarity of Scripture this week, what steps will you take to grow in your intake of the Word? Be specific, such as, “I will daily meditate on at least one passage.”

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