

**Ecclesia: Called out of Autonomy**  
**2 Timothy 3:16-17**  
**Acts 17:10-15**

**SERMON POINTS**

- **The autonomous Heart as Authority**
- **Culture as Authority**
- **The Scripture as Authority**

**KEY TAKEAWAY →**

Christians are called out of autonomy and called under the authority of the Bible.

**QUESTIONS:**

**Q:** In the sermon Scott mentioned that while it sounds strange to say that we should submit to an ancient text written thousands of years ago, the reality is that we are all under the authority of words. What are examples of that reality in our world today?

**Q:** In 2 Timothy 3 Paul says that “all scripture is breathed out by God”. What does that mean? Why is that important?

**Q:** While Christians are called to submit to the authority of the Bible, the reality is we are all tempted to look at our autonomous hearts/feelings as the ultimate authority. In what way do you see that playing out in your own life and the world?

**Q:** In the sermon Scott asked the question, “Will I interpret culture through the Scriptures, or the Scriptures through the culture?”

**Q:** In light of the fact that all of us are constantly inundated with cultural messages, how can we be formed by God’s Word more and more? What roll does Christian community play?

**Other Scripture:**

**Psalms 119:105**

Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

**John 8:28-30**

So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” As he was saying these things, many believed in him.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Intro to New Valley class – Saturday, October 21 from 8am – noon. Find out more about what we believe and what we ask from our members. Required class to become a member. Childcare is provided. Sign up online!

-NV Students Fall Retreat – October 27-29. Students in grades 6 – 12 are invited to a couple cabins in Christopher Creek for a getaway this fall. \$50 per student - sign up online!