



CONNECTIONS

Sermon notes October 22, 2017

Keyverse

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Scripture Alone

Unless I am convinced by the testimony of Scripture or by clear reason . . . I am bound by the Scriptures I have cited, for my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Martin Luther (April 1521)

1. What parts of the Bible have you read so far? What have you really enjoyed reading? What have you found harder to read?
2. What translations or tools have helped you get into the Bible for yourself? Which of them would you recommend to others?
3. Which statement comes closest to your view of the Bible at this point? Choose one and explain.
 - The Bible was written by ancient religious people. Like other good writing, it says things that inspire me.
 - The Bible contains God’s Word, but has problems and contradictions in some places.
 - No question, the Bible is an important book for us, but it’s hard to know which parts apply to us today.
 - I believe that the Bible alone (and nothing else) is our highest authority. Scripture alone.
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:15-16 and 2 Peter 3:16. The original word translated “Scripture/s” (*graphie*) in these verses refers to the writings of the Bible. How does this fact add to your understanding of the divine authority of the Old and New Testaments?
5. What questions do you have about the authority or accuracy of the Bible?
6. Which of the four applications that Pastor Dan talked about would you like to pursue more—read it for yourself, discuss it with others, learn it over time, or obey it in everything? How will you do it?