

Growth Group Homework – May 14, 2023

Warm-Up

1. Who were the authority figures in your life? How did they impact you?

Talk it Over

2. What in the message did you find challenging or helpful?
3. As Protestant Christians, we believe that the Bible is the ultimate authority because it is God's words to us. It can be a challenge to truly live with the Bible as our ultimate authority. Why do you think we often struggle to really make the Bible our authority?

4. Psalm 119:71 says, "*It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.*" How have challenges changed how you view Scripture?

- Is there a verse that has come to mean a lot to you? Why?

5. Read the following verses, and then discuss what stands out to you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17
Psalm 19:7-11

6. It's easy to see the Bible as just a useful tool or good habit without appreciating the fact that through Scripture, we actually have a chance to encounter God. These aren't just impersonal laws; they are words from the God who loves us. What are some of the differences between the laws of God and the laws of man?

7. One important way we follow the Bible is through committing to a church. Bevan said: "The Bible is clear: You need to find a church and join it, invest in it, pray for it, support it, go through the ups and downs with it, and serve it." Why do you think God wants us to commit to a local church?

- How have you seen God's faithfulness to you as you have taken one of these steps to serve the church?
- At Seabreeze, there are 5 strategies to extend a thoughtful invitation to relate in real life, attend a worship service, engage in a learning environment, connect in a group and volunteer on a team. Is there a next step to take in your commitment to church and why?

Take It Home

8. What's the next step you could take to more fully make the Bible the authority in your life?