

God Working by His Word
2 Tim. 3:16-4:2; Isa. 55:10-11

I. An Overview of the Doctrine

í a look at some summary statements from our Confessional Standards. (WSC 1-3; WLC 155, 157, 160)

A. Necessary Truth

B. Sufficient Truth

C. Powerful Truth

II. What the Bible says about what the Bible says

í a look at 2 Timothy 3:16-4:2.

A. The Word is God Breathed

B. The Word is Profitable for:

1. Teaching

2. Reproof

3. Correction

4. Training

C. The Goal is Maturity

D. Soí Preach!

III. Biblical Implications of a Bible-centered ministry

í How will a commitment to the Bible as one of God's means of grace shape our thoughts about church and ministry?

Welcome To Fifth Street Presbyterian Church

Our purpose for meeting together today is to meet with our Lord as a body of believers. We meet that we might hear Him speak in the reading and preaching of His Word. And, we meet to respond to His voice in our songs, prayers, and affirmations. In the ordinary worship of God we find extraordinary grace, encouragement and reason to hope. This corporate worship of God is the most important thing that happens upon the earth and we are delighted to have you with us as we approach the Father in Christ's name by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This week at a glance:

Today	9:30 A.M. 11:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M.	Sunday School Morning Worship Fellowship Lunch
Tuesday	7:00 P.M.	Session Meeting

Visitors: We would appreciate a record of your visit, which you can provide by filling out one of the visitor's cards that you will find in the pew. Please place the card in the offering plate. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the morning service for a Fellowship Meal. If you have little children that need assistance with their plates we ask that you come to the front of the line so we can help you get your plates and get settled.

Outreach through Bibles and Booklets: We provide a number of different types of free outreach materials that we hope you can make use of in your ministry to others. Two new booklets are: *Bringing Christ to Abused Women* by Diane Langberg and *Protecting Children from Abuse in the Church* by Basyle Tchividjian, copies of both are available in the narthex.

Another resource that you might want to pick up from our booktable (*in the library*) is DeYoung's book *Taking God at His Word*, this is an excellent book to follow up today's sermon with. DeYoung takes a look at the Bible as knowable, necessary, sufficient, and written for you. This is a good read and a good book to hand out to others.

Prayer Focus for this week:

Margaret Axtell; Glen & Jamie Milham; Ben & Hope Ferrell
Rick Box - MTW, In Columbia serving as a church planter and MTW's country director.
Ryan Anderson - RUF, TCU; Dan Smith - RUF, Tyler
New Harvest Missions - Togo Conferences August 1-16. Please pray for prepared hearts, blessed teaching, logistics, and an additional \$4,000 needed for translation services.

If you are interested in updates from Togo on how you can pray please send an email to Pastor Simmons and you will be added to the mailing list.

Offering counters this week are Milford Brinton and Joe Kanewske.

Fellowship group with Pastor Simmons meets tonight in the fellowship hall at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to join us for hymns, Bible study, prayer, and a time of fellowship with snacks. Tonight we will be looking at Acts 19:21-20:28 in a survey fashion, looking for insights into the mission and ministry of the early church so that we might likewise minister.

Shorter and Larger Catechism Questions used in today's sermon:

SC 1 What is the chief end of man?

Answer: Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.

SC 2 What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Answer: The word of God, which is contained in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

SC 3 What do the Scriptures principally teach?

Answer: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

LC 155 How is the word made effectual to salvation ?

Answer: The spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

LC 157 How is the word of God to be read?

Answer: The holy scriptures are to be read with an high and reverent esteem of them; with a firm persuasion that they are the very word of God, and that he only can enable us to understand them; with desire to know, believe, and obey the will of God revealed in them; with diligence, and attention to the matter and scope of them; with meditation, application, self-denial, and prayer.

LC 160 What is required of those that hear the word preached? Answer: It is required of those that hear the word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.