

Sola Scriptura

2 Timothy 3:12–17



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WELCOME:

Fixing Our Focus

Suggested icebreaker:

Ask each GG member to share their personal habits in studying the Bible. Let them share what time of day they do it, and for how long. Ask them to share as well some tools that they use in studying God's Word so that the rest of the GG may benefit from using it as well.

WORSHIP:

Adoring Our God

Suggested song:

- [Thy Word](#)

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

LESSON AIM

1. GG members will persevere through persecution because of God's promises found in His Word.
2. GG members will be vigilant against false teaching by diligently studying God's Word.
3. GG members will commit to studying God's Word regularly for life change.

INTRODUCTION

God used the Reformation to take the Church out of what many termed “the Dark Ages,” where erroneous tradition and false teaching reigned. The Baptist movement was greatly blessed and influenced by the Reformation. One of its influences was the Five Solas, which formed the core of the Reformation's beliefs. Sola Scriptura, translated as Scripture alone, is the doctrine teaching that Scripture alone is the ultimate authority for faith, doctrine, and daily living.

Scripture helps believers overcome obstacles to the Christian life (vv. 12-17)

One truth found in the Bible is that believers will experience persecution and that deception will abound both in the world and in the church community (2 Timothy 3:5). However, the believer who diligently and regularly meditates on God's Word can overcome these obstacles.

1. According to Paul, what will people who desire to live a godly life experience?
2. Who did Paul contrast with these people? How does Paul describe their behavior?
3. What did Paul encourage Timothy to do in light of these?
4. What is it about Scripture that sets it apart from all other literature? (cf. 2 Peter 1:20-21) Enumerate the blessings that come from Scripture.
5. What are some ways God's Word can help believers overcome persecution and deception?

Application

Spend some time thanking God for providing us with His Word and preserving it throughout the centuries. How are you using this blessing today? How regularly and for how long do you think you should be studying God's Word?

WORD & WALK:

Understanding & Applying the Word

PRAYER ITEM

Dear God, thank You for revealing Yourself to us through Your Son, the living Word, and the Bible, the written Word. I acknowledge that I would not know who You are if You had not revealed Yourself to humanity. Thank You for miraculously preserving Your Word throughout history. May I be a good steward of this blessing by setting aside time to regularly study it so that my life might be changed by it. May Your name be glorified in my life as You transform me to become more and more like the image of Your Son, in whose name I pray. Amen. ■



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