



Pray Together

Use the first few minutes of your time together to lead your group in a focused prayer time.

- **Praise:** Spend time praising God for who He is.
- **Repent:** Take a few moments to silently confess any sin that is lingering in your heart.
- **Ask:** Verbalize your needs and the needs of others to God.
- **Yield:** Surrender your will to God.

Read Together

Solo Scriptura means that the Bible, alone, is the inerrant, authoritative Word of God. Literally, *Solo Scriptura* means, by Scripture alone. Through the Scriptures, believers find hope, freedom, guidance, and security. Through the Scriptures, an accurate worldview is molded and shaped. Through the Scriptures, a person discovers truth and examples for righteous living. Scripture proves not only the validity of God and His Son, Jesus, by its consistency and continuity, but also because of the enduring testimony captured and displayed in the lives of those who love their God and follow His commands.

In Psalm 119:130 the Psalmist declares, “The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.” As we explore the Scriptures together this week, we will focus on the supreme authority of Scripture, the sufficient counsel of Scripture, and the secure hope found in the Scriptures. These three principles help shape the way we live, the way we work, and the way we witness to those around us.

Discuss Together

Use these questions to engage in an informative and impactful discussion.

The Baptist Faith and Message is the Statement of Faith of the Southern Baptist Convention. Within this document, one finds key affirmations regarding doctrine within the SBC. The first affirmation within this document summarizes the beliefs we hold true regarding the Scriptures. It states:

“The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation.”

Discuss the above affirmation, then share what you learn about God's Word from the following verses:

- Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 17:19 & Joshua 8:34
- Psalms 19:7-10, 119:11, 89, 105, & 140
- Isaiah 34:16, 40:8
- Jeremiah 36:1-32
- Matthew 5:17-18, 22:29
- Luke 21:33, 24:44-46
- John 5:39, 16:13-15, 17:17
- Acts 17:11
- Romans 15:4, 16:25-26
- 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- Hebrews 4:12
- 1 Peter 1:3, 25
- 2 Peter 1:19-21



- Discuss how understanding the authority and sufficiency of Scripture helps shape your worldview? In what ways does your worldview shape your thoughts, decisions, and daily life?
- Read Galatians 3:8. How did the Scriptures “preach the Gospel beforehand to Abraham?” How do the Scriptures preach the Gospel to us today? Give examples of verses you would use to “preach the Gospel” to someone who does not know Jesus.
- Throughout his ministry, Paul spoke of how the Scriptures teach, train, and sustain believers. (See 2 Timothy 3:15-17 & Hebrews 4:12) When you are in need of instruction where do you turn—friends, a self-help book, the world, or the Word of God?
- Share some “go-to” passages of Scriptures that help you when you need:
 - Direction
 - Comfort
 - Security
 - Hope
 - Faith
 - Discernment
 - Repentance
 - Holiness

How I must obey Christ...

- Examine yourself. As a result of this study, identify a specific area in which you need to obey Christ this week.
- How do you specifically need to obey Christ in this area this week?
- How can Jesus redeem this area? How has He proven that in Scripture?
- Who will keep you accountable to this commitment this week?

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Use Psalm 119:97-104 & 113-120 to guide your prayer time.

