

Why the Bible is Trustworthy, Unique and Enough – Class #9 Adult Equipping – November 7th, 2021

Goal: The goal of this class is to demonstrate that the Scriptures are trustworthy, unique and enough so that the followers of Christ will eagerly engage God's Word in humility and sincerity.

Psalm 119 Reading and Prayerful Reflection

- Psalm 119: 137-144

ENOUGH: Sufficiency of Scripture / Are the Scriptures adequate?

Sufficiency of Scripture

Sufficiency:

The sufficiency of Scripture means that Scripture contained all the words of God he intended his people to have at each stage of redemptive history, and that it now contains everything we need God to tell us for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly. (Systematic Theology, Grudem, p.127)

Two Scriptures

- 2 Peter 1:3
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Two Passages

- Luke 16:19-31
- Luke 24:14-27,32

Psalm 19:7-9

- The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul.
- The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart.
- The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
- The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.
- The ordinances of the Lord are sure, and altogether righteous.

Questions for Reflection:

1. In the process of growing in the Christian life and deepening your relationship with God, how much emphasis have you placed on reading the Bible itself and how much on reading other (Christian) books? Do you think the doctrine of the sufficiency of Scripture will cause you to place more emphasis on the reading of Scripture itself?
2. What are some of the doctrinal or moral questions you are wondering about? Has this class increased your confidence in the ability of Scripture to provide a clear answer for some of those questions?
3. What topics or situations do you wish that the Bible talked more (or less) about or was more clear about? Why do you think that you feel this way?
4. If the Bible contains everything we need God to tell us for obeying him perfectly, what is the role of the following in helping us to find God's will for ourselves: advice from others, sermons or Bible classes, our conscious, our feelings, the leading of the Holy Spirit, or changes in circumstances?