

Why the Bible is Trustworthy, Unique and Enough – Class #1

Adult Equipping – Sept. 12th, 2021

Introduction to Class

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

Get to know you (2-4 people): Share basic information about yourself / What caused you to come?

Psalm 119 Reading and Prayerful Reflection

- Ps. 119:1-5

Introduction – Why does this class matter? How will it impact my relationship with God?

1. Relationship Includes Communication (Gen. 15:1-6, Deut. 30:9b-20; Deut. 4:5-14, 32-36)

- *Thought Experiments*

- *Our Relational God*

2. God's Word: Central to God's People

- Old Testament

- New Testament

3. God's Word: central to our salvation (Jms 1:17-18, 1 Ptr. 1:22-23, Rom. 15:4, 2 Tim. 3:15-16)

How we sometimes view the Bible: unreliable, typical, lacking

Class Overview

Date	Topic / Question
9/12	Introduction & Purpose of Class / <i>Why is this class important for my walk with God?</i>
9/19	Trustworthy: Authority of Scripture / <i>Who is the author of Scripture? What is its source?</i>
9/26	Trustworthy: Inspiration of Scripture / <i>How did God transmit His Word?</i>
10/3	Trustworthy: Purity of Scripture (Inerr/Infall) / <i>Are the Scriptures credible or corrupted?</i>

10/10	Trustworthy: History of Scripture/Canon / <i>How did we end up with these specific books?</i>
10/17	Unique: Unity of Scripture / <i>Is the Bible one book or many?</i>
10/24	Unique: Diversity of Scripture / <i>Why is the Bible so diverse?</i>
10/31	Enough: Sufficiency of Scripture / <i>Are the Scriptures enough?</i>
11/7	Enough: Clarity of Scripture/Living Word / <i>Can I expect to understand the Bible?</i>
11/14	Implications & Summary / Additional Questions

Questions for Reflection:

1. *Consider how the Bible has been instrumental in helping you to understand who God is and what God has done. Spend a few minutes in prayer thanking God for His willingness to communicate and asking for His help to grow closer to Him through this class.*
2. *God's voice and God's presence are parallel ideas. Consider how this affects how you approach the Bible and respond to reading His Word.*
3. *When are you tempted to think that God is disinterested in communication with us? Why does this happen? How does what we learned today help us respond when God feels distant?*
4. *What is your heart's attitude towards the Bible and spending time reading it? What keeps you from reading it or from reading it in a way that is sincere and responsive? Do you have any roadblocks that you'd like to have this class address? Make sure to surface these at our next class.*
5. *Open your Bible to Psalm 119 and pick a short section (your Bible might have it divided up by Hebrew letter). Spend time praying through those verses and consider memorizing one verse that you carry with you throughout the week.*