

REFORMATION: FIVE HUNDRED

GROUP CURRICULUM

TITLE

SCRIPTURE ALONE (1 Timothy 3:16-17)

DATE

OCTOBER 8, 2017

1. Erwin Lutzer says, “the Bible, metaphorically speaking, is the breath of God.” Take another look at **2 Timothy 3:16-17**. Why is this passage so important to us?
2. What does it mean to “**guard the good deposit entrusted to you**” (2 Tim. 1:14)? What is this “good deposit,” and what does it practically look like to guard it? Cross reference **1 Peter 1:8-9** and **1 Corinthians 15:1-6** for some help here.
3. We have seen that God’s Word is our final authority. **Why** is it so dangerous to place our faith in the authority of traditions or allow our culture to shape what we believe and think? Is there an area of your life where you’re allowing an authority, outside of the Bible, shape how you think and believe regarding a certain issue?
4. Look at **Psalms 19:7-14** and read this passage out loud with your group. Reflect upon the reality of the truths in this passage. How/what does God’s Word do for us? What are some practical ways in which we can actively live out the call in verse 14 to meditate upon God’s Word?
5. Do we trust that God’s Word is **THE** final authority for all matters in life? If so, then how are we living out truths and commands like **Matthew 22:34-40** (The Great Commandment) and **Matthew 28:16-20** (The Great Commission). Think about the relationship between “guarding the good deposit that has been entrusted to us” and the Parable of the Talents in **Matthew 25:14-30**. Remember, faithful orthodoxy (theology) always produces faithful orthopraxy (practical living).
6. As we begin our “Sola 500” sermon series, think about the critical moments of Church history and the men and women who have come before us. Recall the story of the three men who were martyred in Oxford for their faith. They were serious about their convictions. Is there an area in your life where you’ve grown spiritually passive? Make it a point this week to take one area of your life where you’ve recognized spiritual passivity and make a God-glorifying, joy-reaping adjustment.

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
– **1 Timothy 3:16-17**