

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 29, 2017

This Week's Focus: The Five Solas of the Reformation: *Sola Scriptura*

This Week's Text: 2 Timothy 3:12-17, 2 Peter 1:16-21

"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."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What has the Holy Spirit impressed on your heart and mind from this week's sermon/text?
- What are the Five Solas and where did they originate? Why are they still important to us today?
- What truths about the Bible are summarized by the phrase *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone)?
- Why do we call the Bible the word of God? Reference 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What does it mean that the Bible/Scripture is breathed out (inspired) by God? What did Jesus believe about the Bible? Reference Matthew 4:4.
- Read 2 Peter 1:21. Discuss the means by which God chose to communicate his word to us. Why didn't the involvement of human writers introduce errors or contradictions into the text? Is the New Testament considered the word of God or only the Old Testament? Reference 2 Peter 3:15, Galatians 1:11-12.
- What is the basis for Scripture's authority? What does it mean that Scripture alone is our final authority? Does it mean that apart from Scripture there are no other authorities or important influences for the Christian?
- Discuss how the Bible is a reflection of God its author. How does this relate to the Bible's reliability, infallibility, and inerrancy? Reference Psalm 119:160, John 17:17, Psalm 18:30.
- Discuss the following ways that the Bible is sufficient:
 - The Bible is sufficient for salvation
 - The Bible is sufficient for sanctification
 - The Bible is sufficient for guidance
 - The Bible is sufficient for evangelism