



Small Group Curriculum

SERMON **A Life-Changing Authority: Sufficiency (2 Timothy 3:15-17)**

DATE **September 26/27 2015**

1. Read **Genesis 3:1-7** and the temptation and fall of Man. How is the authority of God's Word attacked by Satan? How is it attacked by Eve and Adam? What is the immediate result in the hearts of Adam and Eve when they choose to act apart from God's Word? Why do you think that is?
2. In the message this weekend, we learned that the enemy is still actively luring us to ask the question, "Did God actually say...?" Where in your life have you heard these lies recently? Where, like Adam and Eve have you been tempted to embrace them?
3. This weekend Kevin DeYoung was quoted in his definition of **sufficiency**:
"The Scriptures contain everything we need for knowledge of salvation and godly living. We don't need any new revelation from heaven."
Put his definition in your own words. How does this second sentence speak to the reality of life around us today?
4. To set the context read all of **2 Timothy 3**. What kinds of words/phrases do you read that speak to *both* Paul and Timothy being in difficult places at the time of the writing? Why does this make Paul's charge to Timothy in verses 14-17 even more important? Do you think the world is in a better or worse place than Paul and Timothy's time?
5. If the Bible contains everything we need God to tell us about salvation and godly living, 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 consciences; our feelings; the leading of the Holy Spirit as we sense him prompting our inward desires; changes in circumstances?
6. If you have a friend who doubts the sufficiency of God's Word, what would be the best thing to give them to read? Is there anything in the Bible that you do not want to believe or obey? What is the best way to approach and to deal with these desires you have in these areas?
7. On the following page is a slide from the weekend services taken from teachings of Norm Geisler. Which particular truth about the sufficiency of the Word of God is speaking to you directly today? Write the words of the verse below and meditate upon them.

Truth: *The Bible is like* _____

Verse:

THE BIBLE IS LIKE

NORM GEISLER

The Bible is like a Seed that Saves Us (1 Peter 1:23)

The Bible is like Water that Washes Us (Psalm 119:9; Ephesians 5:25-26)

The Bible is like a Fire that Cleanses Us (Jeremiah 23:29)

The Bible is like a Hammer that Shatters Us (Jeremiah 23:29)

The Bible is like a Sword that Cuts Deeply Into Us (Hebrews 4:13)

The Bible is like Medicine to Keep Us From the Sickness of Sin (Psalm 119:11)

The Bible is like a Mirror to Reflect Ourselves to Us (James 1:23-25)

The Bible is like a Lamp to Our Feet (Psalm 119:105)

The Bible is like a Counsellor that Comforts Us (Romans 15:4)

The Bible is like a Forecaster that Never Fails Us (2 Peter 1:19)

The Bible is like Milk that Nourishes Us (1 Peter 2:2)

The Bible is like Meat (Solid Food) that Satisfies Us (Hebrews 5:14)