

WEEK 2 | 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 | THE BIBLE HAS AUTHORITY

To what or whom does today's society look to for authority in values, decision-making, and significance?

There are examples in Scripture of God's authority over all things, including creation, time, and the Church. How do the following passages show God's authority? What do they communicate about the purpose and nature of His authority?

- Genesis 1

- Joshua 10:6-14

- Job 1:8-12

- Matthew 7:28-29

- Matthew 28:18

- Mark 2:5-8

- Ephesians 1:16-23

How does God's authority over the world translate to and compliment the authority of Scripture?

Read Psalm 119 (it's long, so feel free to read it in sections). What does it say about the authority of God's Word?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Do most people view authority as a positive thing or negative thing?

Agree/Disagree: Many Christians do not hold the Bible as authoritative in his/her life. Why?

How does one's view of the authority of Scripture affect our attitudes and actions?

Where do you see the gap between your "confessional" (what you say) and "convictional" (how you actually live) worldview? How does this affect your witness?

On a scale of 1-10, how would you rank your knowledge of what is contained in Scripture? If the authority of Scripture is absolute, how important is it that we know what it says intimately? What is your next step that you're going to take to increase your score of your knowledge of the Bible and its contents?

How would you explain the authority Scripture has on your life in a positive way to someone outside the faith?