

THE CHAPEL
SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

TRUTH



WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY IT MATTERS

WEEK 1: THE TRUTH ABOUT THE BIBLE

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-17

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KEY SCRIPTURES

2 Timothy 3:16–17

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

2 Peter 1:21

“For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 2:14

“The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.”

Hebrews 4:12

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

James 1:22-25

“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.”

John 5:39-40

“You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life.”

READ & REFLECT on the above Scriptures using these questions:

- What do you notice about God in this passage?
- What does this teach us about “truth?”
- Is there a word, phrase, or verse that stood out to you? Why?
- How do these verses challenge or encourage you right now?

SERMON QUESTIONS

- This sermon was all about the Bible as our “instrument panel.” How would you describe your current relationship with the Bible?
- Why do you think people push back against the idea of one unchanging truth? Where in your own life do you feel tempted to trust your feelings or culture’s advice instead of God’s Word?
- Pastor Dave said, “If you read the Bible and it doesn’t lead you closer to Jesus, you’re reading it wrong.” How does that statement challenge the way you read the Bible? What’s one thing you could do differently to meet Jesus more personally when you open Scripture?

RESET

- James 1:22-25 challenges us to not just hear the Word, but to live it. What is one specific area of your life where you sense God calling you to align with His Word more fully this week? What step will you take to obey?

CLOSING PRAYER

Guide your group to pray together:

- **Thank God** for giving us His Word and for its truth, power, and guidance.
- **Invite group members to pray** for areas where they need God’s Word to bring clarity, correction, or encouragement.
- **Ask God** to grow our trust in the Bible and our desire to spend time in it, and to be people who live by His truth in a noisy world.