

Westwood Life Groups - *A Place to Belong & A Place to Grow*

Life Group Leaders & Meeting Times (groups with a * meet at the Westwood building):

*11:45 - David Britton

*1:00-Bob Deason

1:30 - Terry Boyd & Tim Deason

6:00-Byron Chambers, Tim Jennings 6:00 - *Jimmy Priestley, John Hanson, Ken Beck,
Rudie Thomsen, *Mike Garrison, Brad Hillis, *Kelly Hillis

(PLEASE, CALL IN ATTENDANCE TO CHURCH OFFICE)

Beliefs that Matter, #1 ***Holy Scripture***

- Heb. 1:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21

I. Why We Need the _____

- You can know God's existence without the Bible. But you cannot know the will of God unless it is revealed to you.
- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10, 12
- John 14:6

II. The _____ with the Bible

- People who don't know better sometimes hesitate to take the Bible seriously as an atlas or road map for negotiating life. They feel it was written so long ago and could not possibly be relative today.
- They believe it speaks of a world far removed from the one in which they presently reside.
- They ask, "How can we really know what we are reading is the word of God as it was given by the prophets and apostles?"
- No single science has done as much as archaeology to confirm the reliability of the Bible. Because of this, we can **KNOW** we have a reliable text of the Bible as originally given.

III. _____ the Word of God

- Let me suggest a few ways to honor God and His Word:
 1. _____ with a Bible-Believing Church.
 2. _____ with a few like-minded people to study regularly.
 3. _____ "one-on-one" time with God's word each day.
 4. _____ all you understand of the will of God at any moment.

Close:

- May we all continue to or begin to take the Bible seriously as the daily guide for our lives here on earth. Why? Because "*His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness*" (2 Peter 1:3).

Westwood Church of Christ
Sunday Morning
July 30, 2017

Life Group Questions
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1. What can you know about God separate from the Bible? How can you know it? (Romans 1:18-20).

2. What cannot be known separate from Scripture? (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:3-5; Romans 10:14-15).

3. What do verses like 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21 teach us about the word of God?

4. Discuss how the Bible may be used as a “road atlas” to chart our Christian journey.

5. As we noted this morning, Mark Twain once said, *"It isn't the parts of the Bible that I don't understand that bother me, it's the parts I do understand that cause me problems."* Can you relate to his sentiments? If so, how?

6. Discuss how your Life Group study time has helped to develop your understanding of the Bible. Share anything you think would be helpful to others.

7. Can we all agree to spend 5-15 minutes every day for the next week in some quiet time with the word of God? Don't see it as homework or an assignment or burden...just an opportunity. Remember next week to spend just a few minutes sharing how this has helped you.