

Q & A with Campus Pastors

Text: 2 Timothy 3:15-17



The Plain Truth

The Bible exists not to prove its _____ but tell
the story of God's _____ in Jesus Christ.

One Year Bible Reading

January 25: Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10, Matthew 16:13-17:9, Psalm 21:1-13, Prov.5:1-6
January 26: Exodus 2:11-3:22, Matthew 17:10-27, Psalm 22:1-18, Proverbs 5:7-14
January 27: Exodus 4:1-5:21, Matthew 18:1-20, Psalm 22:19-31, Proverbs 5:15-21
January 28: Exodus 5:22-7:25, Matthew 18:21-19:12, Psalm 23:1-6, Proverbs 5:22-23
January 29: Exodus 8:1-9:35, Matthew 19:13-30, Psalm 24:1-10, Proverbs 6:1-5
January 30: Exodus 10:1-12:13, Matthew 20:1-28, Psalm 25:1-15, Proverbs 6:6-11
January 31: Exodus 12:14-13:16, Matthew 20:29-21:22, Psalm 25:16-22, Proverbs 6:12-15

January 24 & 25, 2015

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Life Group Lesson

• Week of January 25

Like the one peak that rises highest above a range of mountains, God's supreme position stands uncontested throughout eternity. Jesus Christ is the Rock. And one day the kingdoms of this world will belong to Him (see 1 Corinthians 10:4 and Revelation 11:15b). For every person who has ever lived or ever will live, Christ is like a great watershed. Where we fall in our relationship with this Rock determines our present flow and future destiny. Christ is the Cornerstone—"the stone that makes people stumble, the Rock that makes them fall" (see 1 Peter 2:6-8).

Why is it then—when life turns sour, and our minds are filled with doubts and questions—we don't fall upon the Rock of Ages? After all, the prophet of old has told us: "Trust in the LORD always, for the LORD God is the eternal Rock" (Isaiah 26:4). The Apostle Paul shares great insight as he encourages young Timothy to remain faithful. Timothy has been taught the truth "from childhood" and the example set by Paul and others point to one secure anchor—Christ the Rock—whose strength stands the test of time, whose elevated position spills into eternity.

Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. During this message series we have been given opportunity to ask many burning questions regarding faith and God's Word. How has this message series imparted insight into your day-to-day living?

Think about what you have learned through this message series. Although we will never have every question satisfied this side of eternity, what truth is beginning to pierce through for you? (Name at least one truth—one "answer"—that stands out to you)

2. John Wesley said that while Scripture is always primary in our faith journey, three other factors weigh in when it comes to seeking answers to faith and life's questions. Second to God's Word, what else is there to consider?

In the space below, draw a diagram of the Wesleyan Quadrilateral to help you visually remember it.

3. After reading the following Scriptures, describe in simple terms how God's Word uses tradition, reason, and experience to speak truth into our hearts.

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Psalms 119:97-104

2 Peter 1:3-11

Tradition helps us to remember what the Lord has done for us and remind us that, yes, His every promise has either been fulfilled, is being fulfilled, or one day will be fulfilled. There is a certain security found in tradition as we recall God's faithfulness and find hope in the familiar, unchanging love of our Lord.

Reason challenges us to use our minds as we read, study, and meditate on the eternal truth found in the Bible. Because intellect is a gift of God, a thinking person will want to know (and be known) by his or her Creator. The life-changing message of Christ has the power to quicken that person's thought-life to the point that his or her mind begins to reflect the mind of Christ.

Finally, through various life experiences the Lord teaches us that He is indeed at work in our world and personally involved in our day-to-day living. His Word (the Bible) is the sieve through which we filter our tradition, reason, and experience.

4. Think about the people who look up to you. How are you guiding the people in your care? How is this message series challenging you?

Think about how you have dealt with life's deep questions. Think about how you deal with tough decisions on a daily basis. What has this message series taught you regarding your questions and decision-making?

In closing, read Matthew 7:24-27. Think about the things you have been relying on as a foundation. Where does your life (your destiny) fall in relation to Christ the Rock?