

The Core – Week #2 God's Word

Pray First! Open your time together and ask that God would lead and guide your discussion.

Intro: Talk about what place God's Word had in your life as a child. Did you read it, did you have a bible of your own, was it a fancy book that sat on a shelf but was never opened? What was your perception of God's Word and how or has your view of it changed over the years?

Pastor Tim opened his message with a story about a fisherman Salvador who got lost at sea. While he drifted hundreds of miles and didn't return to land for 14 months, he had his bearings because he didn't lose sight of the North Star. The North Star is a guide to many explorers and adventurers – it guides them because they can know it is true north. Much like the North Star, God's Word can and should be a follower of Jesus' guide that helps shape our world view.

Here's what the EFCA believes about God's Word:

"We believe that God has spoken in the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally inspired Word of God, the Bible is without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for salvation, and the ultimate authority by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be believed in all that it teaches, obeyed in all that it requires, and trusted in all that it promises."

Does this statement match with what you have believed about God's Word? If not, what have you thought differently?

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- What is something in this teaching that stands out to you?
- When you consider your world view, what things do you think are the major things that have shaped it?

Pastor Tim said the Bible is:

- *God's Word* – 2 Timothy 3:16
- *Truth* – John 17:17
- *Timeless* – it's for today just like it was then!

Of these 3 things, which is easiest to grasp? Hardest? Why?

Why do you think the world has such a hard time believing that God's Word is Truth?

- How have you seen God's Word reveal His character and His power in your own life?
- Read Ephesians 6:10-17. What can you do to saturate your shield of faith so that the fiery arrows of the enemy will be rendered useless?
- Share any other thoughts you have on today's message.

Close in Prayer – you can pray for the needs of your group, but also pray that God would help us to have the world view that holds His WORD as truth and guides us in our decisions and circumstances.

Scripture for the week:

- Ephesians 6
- Psalm 119:105-112

- Psalms 19:1-11
- Ephesians 1:15-19
- Colossians 1:9-14