

# Westwood Baptist Church *Grounded. Growing. Going.*



Worship Guide for November 15, 2020

## Sermon Notes

### **The Sum of Your Word is Truth, Therefore.....**

Psalm 119: 145-160 [Qoph] (pew Bible pgs. 515-516)

Westwood's Statement of Faith says, *"The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. All Scripture is a testimony to Christ, who is Himself the focus of divine revelation."* (Baptist Faith and Message 2000)

It is important for us to know, understand, and apply what we believe. What we believe determines what we value, and what we value demonstrates how we live. What we believe about God matters, and what we believe about his Word matters.

Our church's doctrinal statement encapsulates what we have been seeing in Psalm 119, and what today's passage declares: *The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.* (Ps. 119:160) Today we will consider the doctrinal truth that God's Word is inspired, it is authoritative, it is inerrant, and it is eternal. We will then consider what this text tells us about the huge implications and applications of these truths in our daily lives.

The Doctrinal Foundation:

The Word is Inspired:

The Word is Authoritative

The Word is Inerrant

The Word is Eternal

The Daily Application: In the Word I find.....

Help when my heart is desperate: "I call to you; save me"

Strength to face opposition: "they draw near who persecute me ...but you are near"

Direction for my journey: "I do not swerve from your testimonies"

Discernment to recognize evil: "I look at the faithless with disgust"

# Weekly Discipleship Guide

## Sunday

*In your journal, reflect on today's sermon by answering the following:*

I never knew:

I was challenged:

I was reminded:

I was convicted:

A question I still have:

A truth I could share:

**Know**

## Monday

*Spend some time today doing the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.

Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

**Know > Be**

## Tuesday

*In your journal, spend some time writing about the following:*

Read the sermon passage again.

Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.

(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)

Write your selected portion of the Scripture several times to aid in memorization.

**Be**

## Wednesday

*Think about this week's questions for group discussion:*

Do you think you would pay closer attention or respond differently to God speaking through a human prophet than through the written Word? Why or why not? Do you think your present level of response to the written words of Scripture is an appropriate one?

How much confidence would you say you have in the inerrancy and infallibility of the Scriptures? Would you say that the every day rhythms of your life match the level of confidence that you are willing to express in your spoken response?

What is the real difference that you have experienced when you have consistently abided in the Word and in prayer? Can you say that your heart truly echoes what the Psalmist proclaims in v. 145-148?

**Be > Do**

## Thursday

*In your journal, spend some time considering the following:*

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?

How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

**Do**

\*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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