

What Does the Bible Say About... THE SCRIPTURES WEEK 2

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2. WITNESSES TO THE SCRIPTURE

1. Historical Witness
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 1. In the Old Testament - Psalm 119:89, 119:160, Isaiah 40:8
 2. In the New Testament - 2 Tim. 3:16, 2 Peter 1:21, Matt. 24:35
3. Human Experience

3. PURPOSE OF SCRIPTURE: REVELATION TOWARD APPLICATION

4. Know It - Psalm 119:11
5. Understand It - John 14:26
6. Practice It - James 1:22, Matthew 7:24-27

Further Discussion

1. Thinking about the message this past Sunday, what was the most exciting thing you learned? What do you have more questions about?
2. Do you think the Bible is a reliable source for truth? Why or why not?
3. Why is it absolutely imperative for us to trust the sovereignty of God before we accept the Bible as His message and authority for us? How is this easy for you and in what ways is this a challenge?
4. In your journey as a truth seeker, what have been some aspects of the Bible that have been hard to accept? Why?
5. In a culture today where the attack on truth is evident and more and more people believe that each person can have their own truth, what are some ways we can communicate the Bible is absolute truth while still showing love and compassion to those who disagree?

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