



**THE DOCTRINE OF SCRIPTURE** *(Questions continue on back)*

Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Through Psalm 119 we see the result of the Doctrine of Scripture rightly understood in a person's heart. If you are up for it, read the whole psalm (the longest chapter in the Bible), but be sure to read at least four of the sections below and record your observations about God's Word:

Psalm 119:1-3	Psalm 119:54-55	
Psalm 119:9-11	Psalm 119:73-74	Psalm 119:132-135
Psalm 119:19-22	Psalm 119:89-90	Psalm 119:145-149
Psalm 119:28-32	Psalm 119:102-104	Psalm 119:169-176
Psalm 119:47-48	Psalm 119:105-107	

Some theologians consider the four main attributes of Scripture to be its Sufficiency, Clarity, Authority, and Necessity (SCAN). Pick two of these to write a definition in your own words (use other resources to help if needed). Then describe how those two attributes of Scripture have affected your life personally.

In addition to the having attributes listed above, Scripture records the greatest story ever told. See if you can sum up the story of the Bible as concisely as you can.

The doctrine of the perspicuity of Scripture teaches us that the Bible is simple and clear. How have you found this to be the case (or not) in your own study?

Sometimes people have dreams, strong feelings, or even audible messages which they attribute as coming from God. How should a mature Christian discern whether these special revelations actually do come from God, and are thus just as true and authoritative as Scripture?

How can you help to instill and maintain a healthy sense of amazement at the revealed Word of God in Scripture in your family?

Share a few of your favorite tips and tricks for enriching your daily Bible reading and study.

It has been said that, "Words have meaning and ideas have consequences." How would you relate that phrase to Scripture?

Some suggested readings for further study and application on the Doctrine of Scripture:

*Why Believe the Bible* by John MacArthur answers why we should believe the Bible to be true in a culture with so many truth claims – when it even admits that truth exists.

*Taking God at His Word* by Kevin DeYoung is an approachable book about Scripture itself and what it means for us.

*40 Questions About Interpreting the Bible* by Robert Plummer asks and answers things like "Does the Bible contain error?" and "What translation of the Bible is best?"

*Living by the Book* by Howard G. Hendricks is a book which introduces how to study the Bible, so that it can move from intimidating to enriching.

*Read the Bible for a Change* by Ray Lubeck answers some foundational questions about Scripture and teaches us how to read it in a way which transforms us.