

Revisiting Vision: Grounded in Scripture

Various Texts

Scripture as Our Basis for Truth

- We live in a world that increasingly is failing to acknowledge absolute truth
 - What many believe about almost any topic is based on opinions, feelings, or what others say
 - This leads to ungodly morality & meaningless living
- As Disciples of Jesus, we cannot live that way
- We must find truth where Jesus did, in the pages of Scripture
 - Jesus quotes or alludes to the OT over 300 times in the Gospels alone
 - Roughly 10% of Jesus' recorded words in the Gospels directly echo or draw from the Old Testament text
- Scripture itself testifies to its role as the source of truth (Pro 30:5; Rom 15:4)

Our Need for Scripture

- Since Scripture is God's main revelation for truth in the world, we must:
 - Know what it says (Mk 12:24)
 - Measure all claims of truth against it (1 Jn 4:1; 1 Cor 15:3-4)
 - 'Canon': That against which something is measured
 - Ex.) The Berean Church (Acts 17:2-3, 11)
 - Make decisions based on its claims (2 Tim 3:16-17)
- However, our knowledge of Scripture must move beyond simply biblical literacy and 'head' knowledge
 - The Pharisees as a warning (Jn 5:39-40)
 - The term 'know' in Scripture often moves beyond simple comprehension to deep transformation (Jas 1:22-25; 2:19; 1 Jn 2:3-6)

Rightly Dividing the Word

- It is important that we understand Scripture correctly (2 Tim 2:15)
 - Ex.) Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)
- This means deep study (Ps. 1:2)
 - Understanding genre & context
 - Differentiating between description & prescription
 - The Bible *cannot* mean something now that it did not mean then
- And letting the Holy Spirit illuminate our reading (Jn 14:26; 16:13)

So What?

- Who we are needs to be grounded in God's truth revealed in Scripture
 - Driving all that we do
- Are we spending time in His Word daily?
- Are we studying & applying Scripture together in multiple venues?

Meditation Verse: *James 1:22*