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GROWING TOGETHER IN THE GOSPEL

Life Group Study Guide

Series • **Anchored: Essential Truths to Live By**
Sermon Two • **He Has Revealed Himself in the Bible**

“Anchored”

In this sermon series, we are learning three key truths to anchor our minds and hearts as we begin the new year. Although there are many truths we could focus on, these three answer important questions:

- What is real? *There is a living God.*
- How can I know? *He has revealed himself in the Bible.*
- Where do I find meaning in life? *True meaning is found in becoming like Christ.*

Review

Last Sunday we focused on the truth that “there is a living God.” But we stressed that knowing God means having a relationship with him that is *personal* and *proven*. This Sunday we learn how God reveals himself, and what that means for us. The central point of this message is that **because God has spoken, we must listen**.

How God Speaks: General and Special Revelation

Psalms 19:1-6 and Romans 1:18-20 teach us that God shares some truth about himself through the world he created. Everything—from galaxies to beetles—tells us something about God. Theologians call this *general revelation*.

1. Read Romans 1:18-20. What are the limits of general revelation? In other words, what truths about God are we able to discover simply by looking at the world around us? And what truths about God can we *not* discover through general revelation alone?
2. According to Romans 1:21-23, what has gone wrong with humans, so that we do not form a right view of God?

In *general* revelation, God makes general truths about himself available to everyone. In *special* revelation, on the other hand, God gives certain people *specific* information about himself and the way to a right relationship with him.

Special revelation occurs anytime God uses human language to communicate with people. While God has spoken directly to people in the past (see Hebrews 1:1-3), today we have God's final special revelation written down for us in the Old and New Testaments, whose ultimate subject matter is Jesus Christ.

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. According to these verses, what can Scripture do in our lives?

Learning God's Word: Delight and Discipline

4. Read Psalm 19:7-11, and note what the psalmist reports that God's Word does. Drawing from your experience, discuss how the Word of God has done the same things for you.
5. Read Psalm 1:1-3. It takes *discipline* to meditate on Scripture "day and night." But verse 3 also says that the law of the Lord is the blessed man *delights* in God's Word. How can reading the Bible stay delightful while also being a discipline?
6. In your experience, what have been the best disciplines for helping you read and meditate on Scripture consistently?
7. Read James 1:19-21. What qualities do we need in order to receive "the implanted word?"
8. What are the biggest obstacles you face in consistently reading and meditating on the Bible?
9. Think about the LifeGroup you are in. What are some practical ways we can encourage each other in our efforts to consistently read and apply Scripture to our lives?