

Meet Your Maker – Biblical Authority

Weekend Discussion Questions

September 19-20, 2015

Community:

1. In light of the Western theme, do you have a favorite old Western movie? What is your favorite part of the movie?
2. Why do you think that Westerns were so popular in our culture during the last few decades?

Core:

1. Every person lives by some set of assumptions or guidelines that directs his or her lives. Scott mentioned a few: "I'm just trying to be a good person." "I'm just trying to be happy." "Everyone should just play nice and get along." "Life is short...get yours." Which one of these do you see the most in the lives of people around you?
2. Why do you think it's so hard for people to just get along and "coexist"?
3. As a church, we hold a Biblical worldview—which means that we put ourselves under Biblical Authority. How would you define Biblical Authority in your own words?
4. The way we summarize Biblical Authority is: "The Bible is God's Word and it is our authority for life. If we will adjust our lives (submit) to it, we will find a better way to live." What does it mean for us to adjust our lives to the Bible?
5. Look at 2 Timothy 3:1-4 and 3:12-13. How have you seen this play out in our culture today?
6. Now read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. What sticks out to you about the value of God's Word in this section?
7. How have you personally seen that Scripture is "and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness"?
8. Scott said that the two primary areas that we don't want to submit to what the Bible teaches are in matters of sexuality and money. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
9. If we trust God's intentions for us, then we can trust what the Bible says, even when it's difficult or unpopular. So what do you think are God's intentions towards you?

Challenge:

1. How have you seen how letting go of God's Word has been the most unloving thing we could do to the people around us?
2. How have you seen holding onto God's Word, even when it's unpopular or counterculture, still be the best way to love the people around us?