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PERSONAL APPLICATION

Review the main lesson outline briefly

- 1. What questions do you have about the authority of the Bible, if any?
- 2. What would you tell someone who asked you, "Why do you believe the Bible?"

PRIVATE MEDITATION

Read the Scripture and identify 1 thought to take with you for that day
Write down your daily thought under each day

Monday – John 18:28-38

Thought:

Tuesday – 2 Timothy 3:14-16

Thought:

Wednesday – 2 Peter 1:20-21

Thought:

Thursday – Psalm 12:6, 18:30, 119:160, Proverbs 30:5

Thought:

Friday – Matthew 24:35

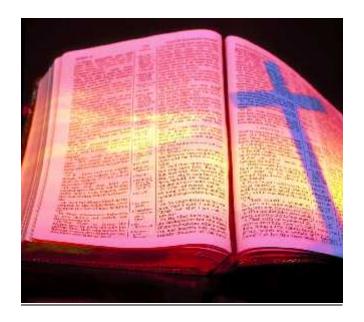
Thought:

Saturday – 2 Timothy 3:16

Sunday – "The Authority of the Bible"

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John 18:35-38 (John 17:17)

I. A Doctrinal Statement -

The Bible is God's Word to us. It was written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is the supreme source of truth for Christian beliefs and living. Because it is inspired by God, it is the truth without any mixture of error.

(Riverland Hills Baptist Church Statement of Faith)

II. Four things God teaches us about the Bible

- A. Authority It is God's Word
- B. Clarity It can be understood
- C. Necessity It is God's only special revelation of Himself to man and therefore we cannot fully know Him without it.
- D. Sufficiency It contains all we need, to know God, become a believer and follow Christ in daily life.

III. Why I believe the Bible

- A. It claims to be the Word of God 2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21, (Psalm 12:6, 18:30, Proverbs 30:5), Psalm 119:160
- B. It is indestructible Psalm 119:160, (Matthew 24:35, Mark 13:31, Luke 21:33)
- C. The character of the Bible-
 - 1. 66 books, over 40 authors, over 1600 years and many topics and subjects yet there is unity. Psalm 12:6, 2 Peter 1:20-21
 - 2. Fulfilled prophecy Israel & Christ
- D. The influence of the Bible on my own life John 9:25

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