Daily Encounters & Life Group prep week of Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

# MYTHS ABOUT GOD & FAITH THE TRUTH: THE BIBLE – GOD'S REVELATION FOR LIFE! 10-7-18

On Sunday we explored the MYTH and the TRUTH about God's Word. Now we see why Jesus often quoted the Holy Scriptures when discussing life and God. He believed them to be true and a trustworthy guide for all of life. We also examined some of the evidence that supports our faith in the Bible as a supernatural source of wisdom from God. This week we will focus on what it means to build up one another, especially in the Word of God. Ask God to teach you how you can build up others in the faith and with His Word! Ask Him to increase your commitment to the scriptures and your love for the central character of the Bible, Jesus our Lord.

—Pastor Dale

### Monday - What Is The Goal of Discipleship?

Review Matthew 5:18–19 and read Colossians 1:28. What is God's view of His Word? What does He want us to do with it? What does Colossians teach you about the purpose of all Seacoast's ministries in your life? How do these two great passages support one another? How can a Life Group or other Bible study help someone grow toward spiritual maturity and live according to the Word? Remember that the goal is not more knowledge, but more like Jesus.

#### Tuesday - Do I Make It Happen, Or Does God?

Read Colossians 1:29. What is your responsibility in your ministry or spiritual growth? Now what is God's responsibility and role in all you do? How does it challenge you in your daily walk with God? What role does the Word of God play in this process of building up one another? How does a small group of friends assist in this goal? Never forget that our dependence is on God, His Spirit who works mightily within us. He causes the growth as we seek to become more like Christ.

### Wednesday - Can I Count On God's Word To Work?

Read Isaiah 55:10–11. What does this great metaphor emphasize about the nature of God's Word? According to these verses, what makes ministry to one another successful? What is the key tool in your ministry of building up others? Remember that God promises to bless and use His Word, not ours! So, keep in the Word and keep sharing it with others!

#### Thursday - But What About Prayer?

Read Ephesians 6:18–20. What is the role of prayer in building up one another in the faith? How can you pray for those you want to build up? How can you pray for yourself in your efforts to teach and follow God's Word in every aspect of life? Why is a small group, like our Seacoast Life Groups, vital to this process? Make sure you have a few trusted friends in the faith who will faithfully pray for you as you tackle life's challenges and seize life's opportunities for growth!

#### Friday - And Can I Do It Alone?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:4–25. In light of our emphasis this week on building up one another, what in this passage is the main implication for you and for your relationship with others? With whom are you linked for ministry and discipleship together? Just as the body needs each and every part, you and I need one another. Get connected and grow!

## MYTHS ABOUT GOD & FAITH MYTH: THE BIBLE IS OUTDATED AND IRRELEVANT

PSALM 19:7-8; MATTHEW 5:17-19; 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

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l.	THE MYTH: THE BIBLE IS "OUT OF DATE" AND IRRELEVANT
II.	THE TRUTH: THE BIBLE IS GOD'S REVELATION, RELEVANT FOR ALL GENERATIONS
	- The Old Testament – Psalm 1:1-3; Psalm 119
	- Jesus – Matthew 5:17-19
	- New Testament - II Timothy 3:16-17
III.	Why Should I Believe It's God's Revelation for Me?
	#1 - The <u>Character</u> of a Loving God It
	#2 - The <u>Uniqueness</u> of the Bible It
	- Its preservation
	- Its unity
	- Its honesty
	- Its accuracy
	- Its prophesies
	#3 - The <u>Testimony</u> of Jesus It
	#4 - The Nature of Man With It
	#5 - The <u>Soul</u> of Man Is By It

SO WHAT?