

Sermon Notes for September 20, 2026

Title: What Is Really Real Really Matters

Text: Psalm 1, 19, 119; Isaiah 55; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Timothy 3:15-17;
Hebrews 4:12-13

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 - b. _____ revelation: God reveals his explanations to us and expectations of us through the things he has said. (Deut 29:29; Ps 19:7-11; Ps 119:2 Tim 3:15-17; Heb 1:1-2)
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 - ii. The _____ of Scripture: The Bible is understandable to all who humbly seek its truth.
 - iii. The _____ of Scripture: The Bible is necessary for us to know, love, and serve God in truth.
 - iv. The _____ of Scripture: The Bible contains all the truth we need in order to know God's will and to live a life pleasing to him.
 1. _____ Sufficiency: God's revelation was sufficient for God's people throughout redemptive history.
 2. _____ Sufficiency: God's revelation was completed after the finished work of redemption through Christ.
 3. _____ Sufficiency: The Bible contains everything essential for its own interpretation.
 4. _____ Sufficiency: The Bible tells us everything we need to know from God about any topic.
 - a. A _____ sense: The Bible includes basic information relevant to all topics in general.
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Discussion Guide

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2. Should Christians view the bible as a supplemental guide to life or as a sufficient guide to life? What is the difference?

3. Trevin Wax wrote, "We don't merely look at the Bible but through it to understand our lives and the world we inhabit. The story of the Scriptures is the lens we use to see God and the world... We know God because God has made himself known. We do not conjure up God as we'd like to imagine; we encounter God as he has revealed himself." Do people still try to form or imagine God to their own liking? Why do you think that is? Does reading the Bible automatically keep us from making up our own God? How should we approach the Bible to rightly understand who God is?

4. C.H. Spurgeon wrote, "Many books in my library are now behind and beneath me. They were good in their way once, and so were the clothes I wore when I was ten years old; but I have outgrown them. Nobody ever outgrows Scripture; the book widens and deepens with our years." Have you outgrown some books? Have you experienced the widening and deepening of the Scriptures in your life?

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