

## A Gospel Shaped Church – Week One "Sola Scriptura" – Governed by Scripture

These notes are to be used in conjunction with the sermon series during the service or with the recording. They are intended to assist with further individual or group study.

**Readings:** Psalm 19:7-14, 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5, John 6:60-68

## **A Gospel Shaped Church (Series Introduction)**

Why is it beneficial to know and understand Church history?
Below are the five "Solas" of the Reformation.  What do each of the "Solas" mean? Where did they come from?  How and/or why are these beliefs relevant to the life and mission of the church today?
1. Sola Scriptura: 2. Sola Gratia: 3. Sola Fides: 4. Solus Christus: 5. Soli Deo Gloria:
What were the two key issues at the heart of the Reformation? How is the Church of our time handling these same two issues?
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What challenges did Paul warn Timothy about in his letter? How did Paul tell Timothy to respond? What charge did Paul give him?

How does Timothy's challenge and Paul's instruction apply to us?
Paul wrote: "all Scripture is God breathed" What does that mean? Where or who does Scripture receive its ultimate authority from?
Why is it important for Christians to trust the infallibility of Scripture? (i.e. Scripture is reliable, trustworthy, true, and incapable of error) and for Churches to continue teaching this truth?
How does a person come to saving faith in the Christ? What is the role of Scripture (specifically the Gospel) in salvation? Does this change the way you approach mission and evangelism?
How does the preaching of God's Word teach and encourage you?
How does the preaching of God's Word rebuke and correct you?
How does the preaching of God's Word train you in righteousness and equip you for a life of good works that bring glory to God?

**Further Study:** Genesis 1:1-2:3; Deuteronomy 8:1-20; Psalm 29; Psalm 119; Isaiah 40:6-9; Isaiah 55:10-11; Luke 24:44-49; Romans 10:5-17 Hebrews 4:12-13; James 1:21-23; 2 Peter 1:12-21