

Series: ⑦ *Core Values that drive Hope Community Church*

Core Value No. 2 - ***Authority: The Bible is relevant in every situation***

Text: John 17:17 / 2 Tim. 3:16-17 (Memory Verse – Psalm 119:34)

Discussion Questions

- Did you grow up in a home that respected or questioned authority figures (God, government, boss, etc.)? What affect did this have on you as you entered adulthood?
- In what area of life today do you see people questioning authority the most? Why so?

Application Questions

1. Why is settling the matter of whether the Bible contains words about God or IS the Word of God at the heart of the matter? (2 Tim. 3:16-17)
2. Did you get saved understanding that Jesus wanted to be your Savior or your Savior **and** Lord?

As you understand it, what is the difference between the two?

Did Jesus say it is possible to love Him without following Him? (Luke 6:46, John 14:23-24)

3. Paul instructs us to "work out our own salvation with fear and trembling" (see Phil. 2:12-13). This places the responsibility of living a holy life on each of us as individuals.

After getting saved, in what areas of your life did obedience occur immediately?

In what areas has it been more of an ongoing process or tug of war with God over control?

4. Talk about an area of your life where you reluctantly submitted to God's authority, but later reaped some wonderful benefits.

5. Using 2 Timothy 3:16-17 as your template. What advice would you give the person who is struggling to give Jesus control of a part of his/her life?

6. What did you take away from the sermon? (Thing you learned or questioned, step to take, etc.)

Prayer:

Ask Jesus for the faith and courage to walk
in obedience in THAT area of your life.