

School of Theology - Follow Up Discussion Questions

Understanding... Scripture as the Word of God

- Think about your own Bible reading: how does knowing that God has revealed himself through Scripture shape the way you approach it?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How does the idea that Scripture is inspired by the Spirit affect the way we should trust and use it in life and ministry?
- Imagine a friend asks, “How do we know these are the right books of the Bible?” How would you explain why these writings belong in Scripture and others don’t?
- The doctrine of sufficiency says the Bible gives us all we need for salvation, trusting God, and living well. How could this shape the way you make decisions, pray, and grow as a Christian?

Exegesis and Hermeneutics

- Think about a passage you’ve recently read. How does understanding its historical and cultural context help you grasp its meaning better?
- Read **Jeremiah 29:11** in context (verses 1-14). How does considering the surrounding verses change the way you understand the main passage?
- When reading the Bible, how do you decide which parts are timeless principles and which are culturally specific instructions?
- Apply the four-step method (original meaning → principle → modern application → confirmation in Scripture) to **Matthew 5:38-39**. What difference does this approach make compared with reading it quickly or superficially?