

## Theology Intensive

### Doctrine of Scripture

*How do we know the Bible is God's Word that orients us to the good life?*

#### BIG IDEA

The Bible is God's authoritative word that leads us into the fullness of joy.

#### MAIN SCRIPTURE MEDITATION

*If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. (John 15:10-11)*

#### ASSIGNMENTS

##### Required Reading – To Be Completed **BEFORE** Class

- Wayne Grudem, chapter 2 “The Authority and Inerrancy of the Bible” in *Bible Doctrine*. (16 pages)
- Wayne Grudem, chapter 3 “The Clarity, Necessity, and Sufficiency of the Bible” in *Bible Doctrine*. (16 pages)
- John Piper, chapter 5 “Scripture: Kindling for Christian Hedonism” in *Desiring God*. (15 pages)
- Summary Article on *God's Big Picture*. (25 pages)
- Kevin DeYoung, “Never Spoke a Man Like This Before: Inerrancy, Evangelism and Christ's Unbreakable Bible” from Together For the Gospel. (1 hour talk)

##### Required Response – To Be Completed **AFTER** Class

- 200-word response (~1 paragraph) describing one thing you learned from the class.
- 200-word response (~1 paragraph) describing at least one thing that led you to worship.
- 500-word response (~1 page, single spaced) to each of the three following questions.
  - A co-worker knows you're a Christian and asks you to explain:
    1. What the Bible is all about? (500 words)
    2. Why do you believe the Bible is authoritative? (500 words)
    3. Why do you believe the Bible is the source of 'the good life'? (500 words)
- **DUE DATE:** No later than October 25
- **SUBMIT YOUR ASSIGNMENTS ONLINE**
  - **Save** all your responses into ONE document, preferably a .pdf file
  - **Submit:** Upload that ONE document online: [rcdc.church/intensive](https://rcdc.church/intensive) – click “Submit” button for the appropriate Intensive

#### SUPPLEMENTAL RESOURCES (Optional for Personal Growth)

##### Reading Suggestions

- JI Packer, *Fundamentalism and the Word of God*
- Wenham, John W, *Christ and the Bible*
- Kevin DeYoung, *Taking God at His Word*

- Graham Goldsworthy, *God's Big Picture*
- John Piper, *Desiring God*

Suggested Systematic Theology Textbooks

- Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine*
- Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology*
- Daniel Akin, *A Theology for the Church*