

CONNECT AND GROW

Sermon Discussion Questions

November 23, 2025

The Last Word: The Authority of the Bible

Icebreaker: Share one "authority" you resisted when you were younger—but now you see the value in.

Opening Discussion: Looking back on your Engage and Grow notebook or your notes from the message, what stands out to you the most?

1. Our culture elevates individual autonomy and mistrusts authority. Where do you personally feel tension between cultural values and biblical authority? How do you navigate those tensions?

2. In Pastor Kirk's sermon, he talks about how the first sin was tied to questioning God's Word. How have you seen this same pattern—questioning or reinterpreting God's Word—play out in our world? In your own life?

3. Every culture finds some part of the Bible offensive. Which teachings of Scripture do you think our current American culture celebrates? Which ones does it strongly resist? How can recognizing cultural bias help us approach Scripture with more humility?
4. Pastor Kirk shared how Scripture exposes the heart and reveals truth about our nature. Has there been a time when Scripture felt like it "read" you—revealing something true, painful, or life-changing? How does Scripture both convict and comfort you? Why do you think it can do both?
5. Jesus shows the disciples that all Scripture points to Him. How does seeing Jesus as the center of Scripture change the way you read the Bible?
Moving Forward: Where do you sense God inviting you to submit more fully to His Word right now? Prayer