

THE LIVING AND ABIDING WORD

1 Peter 1.22-2.3

BORN AGAIN BY THE WORD OF GOD

Born again: regeneration, to be brought forth to life.

John 1.13, 3.3, 5, 7, 8 // Ephesians 2.4, 5 // Colossians 2.13 // 1 Peter 1.3
Titus 3.5 // James 1.18 // 1 John 2.29, 3.9, 4.7, 5.1, 4, 18

“Word” in Greek is “logos”: the revealing of the thoughts and mind

Abiding: to dwell, endure, remain, continue, last

John 5.38-40, 8.31, 32, 15.1-11 // 1 John 2.14

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WORD

Breathed Out by God: It is not we who choose what the bible is really saying, but it is God who decides what the bible really meant.

2 Timothy 3.16, 7 // 1 Thessalonians 2.13 // 2 Peter 1.21 // Jeremiah 17.9, 10
Proverbs 16.25, 21.2 // Psalm 12.6, 119.160

**God has clothed His thoughts in words,
and there is no way to know Him except by knowing the Scriptures.**

-John Stott

Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.

- St. Jerome

Sufficient: God’s Word is all you need.

Matthew 4.4 // 2 Peter 1.3, 4

It is eternal, holy, pure, perfect, truth, righteous, living, wonderful, powerful, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, sweeter than honey, infallible, it strengthens us, it keeps us from sinning and keeps us pure, it brings us life if we obey it, it is to be fully obeyed, we receive death if we disobey it, it preserves our life, it is our direction and it counsels us, it brings salvation, it created all things, it is an unbreakable promise, it brings freedom, it sanctifies us, it makes us wise, we are to put our hope and trust in it, we should long for it, love it, and sing about it, it is worth more than anything else. It is to be praised.

The written Word and the Incarnate Word are so linked together that it would be impossible to divide them.

-C.H. Spurgeon

John 1.1-14

LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE

Newborns desiring milk: we should desire the pure milk of the Word in order to nourish us and grow us.

1 Thessalonians 2.13 // John 8.32, 17.17

NOTES:

WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

- **JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!**

If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card** or visiting the **Connection Booth** in the Atrium.

- **JOIN THE TEAM!**

We would love to have you come serve our church family with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ST. PATRICK’S DAY WEEKEND!

Community Celebration, March 16

We will be having an outdoor family celebration on **Saturday, March 16** from **1:30-3:30** in **Downtown Escondido** at the **Maple Street Plaza**. We’ll have face painting, crafts for the kids, and live Celtic music. See flier or go online for details.

Also, we’ll be having our first ever **St. Patrick’s Day** worship set during our service on **Sunday, March 17th**, with a **FREE Irish Dinner** afterwards with even MORE live Celtic music. Invite your friends!

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

Good Friday Service

We are excited to have a location and time for our first **Good Friday Service!** We will meet at **7.00pm** at **Mission Hills Church** in San Marcos in their **High School** room. Childcare will be provided.

Easter MORNING Service

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, March 31st** at **10am** to be in **Downtown Escondido** at the **Maple Street Plaza** for our **Easter Service!** This is going to be a blast! A family-style service outside and in the community. Can’t WAIT for this day!

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click “Kids” at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey’s heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

Also, the daily devotional book, **Long Story Short**, is available in the Atrium to purchase.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **1 Peter 1.22-2.3**. What sticks out to you the most in this passage or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

When you read **verses 23-25**, what is significant to you about the fact that it's the Word of God that brings about your salvation? In other words, what implications does that have in your life, such as the way that you grow, the way that you live life, the way that you share your faith, etc.? _____

Read the John Stott quote in the sermon notes. Do you agree or disagree, and why? _____

What other ways does God reveal Himself? _____

If God reveals Himself in those ways, why do you think Stott made that claim?

Prayers, feelings, nature, dreams, visions can all potentially be means that God reveals certain things to us, but those things are very potentially faulty. Read the list of the Word's characteristics. Which of those words can be said about other means that God uses to reveal Himself to us? Which of those words can *not* be said about other means of God's revealing? _____

The Scriptures alone are holy and the perfect revelation of God's mind, heart, desires, and will. Of course, the problem is that *our minds and hearts* are faulty, and so our interpretations can be off. But we *do know* that God revealed His mind and will through His Word perfectly. All of our answers to prayer and feelings, etc., must be compared to and judged by the Word alone. How does this truth shape your opinion on the idea that there is only one true interpretation of God's Word?

If you remember in the sermon, Jobey compared our interpreting of the Word to how we interpret people's intent or tone in text messages. Two people can read one text and have two interpretations, but only one is correct. Here's a tougher question: think of a recent example of when you saw something in the Word that seemed to say one thing, where sometime later on you noticed it really meant something else. _____

In your own words, describe what it means for Jesus to be the "Word Made Flesh." Read **John 1.1-14** and **Colossians 2.9** for a little help. _____

In **John 8.43-47** in the NIV, it says that Satan speaks his native language, which is lies. If God's native tongue, then, is truth, how do you learn to speak your Father's native language? Read **Matthew 4.4**, **Colossians 3.16**, **Psalm 119.9**. What would it mean or look like to speak in your Father's native tongue on a regular basis?
