

OUR MISSION AND GOD'S WORD

Matthew 28:18-20 -18 *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* ESV

Matthew 28:18–20 (LBLA) — 18 *Y acercándose Jesús, les habló, diciendo: Toda autoridad me ha sido dada en el cielo y en la tierra. 19 Id, pues, y haced discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo, 20 enseñándoles a guardar todo lo que os he mandado; y he aquí, yo estoy con vosotros todos los días, hasta el fin del mundo.*

DISCIPLES?

Disciples. Who or what is a disciple?

“One who embraces and assists in spreading the teachings of another.”

“A follower of Jesus Christ.”

**God has spoken through His
Word.**

**God speaks when His Word is
opened.**

On Transformation

- “There are three ingredients in any transformation:
 - experiences,
 - relationships,
 - and information.”
- “Now, the Bible is information, and the problem is that we spend most of our time on information, to the neglect of experiences and relationships.”

The Bible is more than information.

- **It is living seed**
 - **Bread**
 - **Milk**
 - **Honey**
 - **a sword**
 - **a hammer**
 - **a lamp**
 - **a mirror**
- **a barrier against sin**
 - **and it is gold.**

The Bible is the living Word by which God brings transformation.

- 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 - *17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.* NASU
- 2 Corinthians 3:17–18 (LBLA) — *17 Ahora bien, el Señor es el Espíritu; y donde está el Espíritu del Señor, hay libertad. 18 Pero nosotros todos, con el rostro descubierto, contemplando como en un espejo la gloria del Señor, estamos siendo transformados en la misma imagen de gloria en gloria, como por el Señor, el Espíritu.*

And if we believe this, it will shape
and drive our approaches to

evangelism,

discipleship,

the pastoral care of the church.

LOOK TO THE EXAMPLE OF THE APOSTLES

- Acts 6:1-4 - Now at this time while the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenists against the native Hebrews, because their widows were being neglected in the daily serving of food. 2 So the twelve summoned the whole assembly of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 3 Therefore we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." NASU
- 1 Pedro 4:10-11 - Por aquellos días, al multiplicarse el número de los discípulos, surgió una queja de parte de los judíos helenistas en contra de los judíos nativos, porque sus viudas eran desatendidas en la distribución diaria de los alimentos. 2 Entonces los doce convocaron a la congregación de los discípulos, y dijeron: No es conveniente que nosotros descuidemos la palabra de Dios para servir mesas. 3 Por tanto, hermanos, escoged de entre vosotros siete hombres de buena reputación, llenos del Espíritu Santo y de sabiduría, a quienes podamos encargar esta tarea. 4 Y nosotros nos entregaremos a la oración y al ministerio de la palabra.

WHY WOULD THEY DO THAT IF THE BIBLE IS ONLY INFORMATION?

LOOK HOW SCRIPTURE CAME TO US.

- 2 Peter 1:3 (NASB95) — *3 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*
- 2 Peter 1:3 (LBLA) — *3 Pues su divino poder nos ha concedido todo cuanto concierne a la vida y a la piedad, mediante el verdadero conocimiento de aquel que nos llamó por su gloria y excelencia,*

- 2 Peter 1:19-21 (NASB) *19 So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 20 But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
- 2 Peter 1:19-21 (LBLA) *19 Y así tenemos la palabra profética más segura, a la cual hacéis bien en prestar atención como a una lámpara que brilla en el lugar oscuro, hasta que el día despunte y el lucero de la mañana aparezca en vuestros corazones. 20 Pero ante todo sabed esto, que ninguna profecía de la Escritura es asunto de interpretación personal, 21 pues ninguna profecía fue dada jamás por un acto de voluntad humana, sino que hombres inspirados por el Espíritu Santo hablaron de parte de Dios.*

HOW ARE THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS DIFFERENT?

- 2 Peter 1:20–21 - *...knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man.*
- And then Peter answers positively: 2 Peter 1:21 - *“...but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”.*

- Acts 27:7, 14-15 - *We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind did not allow us to go farther, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone... But soon a tempestuous wind, called the northeaster, struck down from the land. And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along.*

The word translated “*driven along*” by the wind in Acts 27 is the same word Peter uses for the prophets being “*carried along*” by the Spirit.

SEE WHAT SCRIPTURE IS

- **Inspiration (God-breathed)**
- “**theopneustos**” (θεόπνευστος) It’s a combination of two words *Theos* - God and *pneustos* – breathed,
- “*All Scripture is God breathed.*” NIV
- The English Standard Version - 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - “*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work*”
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (LBLA) — *16 Toda Escritura es inspirada por Dios y útil para enseñar, para reprender, para corregir, para instruir en justicia, 17 a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, equipado para toda buena obra.*

“The meaning is not that God
breathed into the Bible...

but that God breathed out the Bible.”

‘All Scripture is breathed out by God.’

- Some deny inspiration.
- Some locate inspiration in the hearer or reader of the Bible.
- Some say -“The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it.” But that is wrong.
- “The Bible says it and that settles it whether I believe it or not.”

Some limit inspiration to certain parts of the Bible.

- Who decides which parts?
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - *9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.*

Hebrews 13:8 (NASB95) — *8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8 (LBLA) — *8 Jesucristo es el mismo ayer y hoy y por los siglos.*

Matthew 24:35 (NASB95) — 35
“Heaven and earth will pass away,
but My words will not pass away.”

Matthew 24:35 (LBLA) — 35 El
cielo y la tierra pasarán, mas mis
palabras no pasarán.

THE SCRIPTURES ARE INERRANT (WITHOUT ERROR)

- **Inspiration** describes our conviction about Scripture. **Inerrancy** protects a proper understanding of inspiration.
- John 5:46-47 - “For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe my words?”
- John 5:46–47 (LBLA) — 46 Porque si creyeráis a Moisés, me creeríais a mí, porque de mí escribió él. 47 Pero si no creéis sus escritos, ¿cómo creeréis mis palabras?

THE WORD IS INFALLIBLE

(never failing)

- *2 Timothy 3:14-17 - But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*
- *2 Timothy 3:14–17 (LBLA) — 14 Tú, sin embargo, persiste en las cosas que has aprendido y de las cuales te convenciste, sabiendo de quiénes las has aprendido; 15 y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden dar la sabiduría que lleva a la salvación mediante la fe en Cristo Jesús. 16 Toda Escritura es inspirada por Dios y útil para enseñar, para reprender, para corregir, para instruir en justicia, 17 a fin de que el hombre de Dios sea perfecto, equipado para toda buena obra.*

- Isaiah 55:10-11 - *For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*
- Isaiah 55:10–11 - (LBLA) — *10 Porque como descenden de los cielos la lluvia y la nieve, y no vuelven allá sino que riegan la tierra, haciéndola producir y germinar, dando semilla al sembrador y pan al que come, 11 así será mi palabra que sale de mi boca, no volverá a mí vacía sin haber realizado lo que deseo, y logrado el propósito para el cual la envié.*

WHAT SCRIPTURE DOES

- **EVANGELISM** - We must put the Word of God at the center of our evangelism.
- 2 Timothy 3:15 - *From childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.*
- 2 Timothy 3:15 (LBLA) — *15 y que desde la niñez has sabido las Sagradas Escrituras, las cuales te pueden dar la sabiduría que lleva a la salvación mediante la fe en Cristo Jesús.*

- 1 Peter 1:23 - (NASB95) — 23 for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.
- James 1:18 - (NASB95) — 18 In the exercise of His will He brought us forth by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures

Romans 10:17 NIV - 17

Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Romans 10:17 (LBLA) — 17 *Así que la fe viene del oír, y el oír, por la palabra de Cristo.*

DISCIPLESHIP

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - *“All Scripture is breathed out by God... that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work”*
- Matthew 4:4 - *“It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”*
- Matthew 4:4 (LBLA) — *4 Pero Él respondiendo, dijo: Escrito está: «NO SOLO DE PAN VIVIRÁ EL HOMBRE, SINO DE TODA PALABRA QUE SALE DE LA BOCA DE DIOS».*
- ***THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT ONLY WHAT WE ARE SAVED BY, IT'S WHAT WE LIVE ON!***

John 17:17 - *Sanctify them in the truth;
your word is truth.*

John 17:17 (LBLA) — *17 Santifícalos
en la verdad; tu palabra es verdad.*

The Word of God will make us what
Christ calls us to be.

PASTORAL CARE

- 2 Peter 1:3-6 - *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness.*
- 2 Peter 1:3–6 (LBLA) — *3 Pues su divino poder nos ha concedido todo cuanto concierne a la vida y a la piedad, mediante el verdadero conocimiento de aquel que nos llamó por su gloria y excelencia, 4 por medio de las cuales nos ha concedido sus preciosas y maravillosas promesas, a fin de que por ellas lleguéis a ser partícipes de la naturaleza divina, habiendo escapado de la corrupción que hay en el mundo por causa de la concupiscencia. 5 Por esta razón también, obrando con toda diligencia, añadid a vuestra fe, virtud, y a la virtud, conocimiento; 6 al conocimiento, dominio propio, al dominio propio, perseverancia, y a la perseverancia, piedad,*

- Psalm 19:7-8 - *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.*
- Psalm 19:7–8 (LBLA) — *7 La ley del SEÑOR es perfecta, que restaura el alma; el testimonio del SEÑOR es seguro, que hace sabio al sencillo. 8 Los preceptos del SEÑOR son rectos, que alegran el corazón; el mandamiento del SEÑOR es puro, que alumbra los ojos.*

- **WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE BIBLE WILL SHAPE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US AND THE MINISTRIES WE PERFORM.**
- As our convictions about the Bible are shaped, we will end up adopting one of three postures towards the Bible:
- The Bible beneath us
- The Bible beside us
- The Bible above us.
- **I hope and pray that you will be among those who see that the Bible is above us.**