

HOMEWORK REVIEW

1. What are some of your favorite ways to study the Bible?
2. Biblical interpretation requires that we view scripture as God's word. Why would it be problematic if we didn't view the Bible as God's word?
3. The Bible is clear and understandable. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?
 - a. How can we grow in our understanding of it?
4. Biblical interpretation requires that we respond accordingly. How do you respond accordingly to scripture? Any specific practices for applying the Bible to your life?

NOTES

What is the Church?

- Wayne Grudem: "the community of all true believers for all time"
- ESV Study Bible: "The church is the community of God's redeemed people - all who have truly trusted Christ alone for their salvation."

The Church: Invisible and Visible

The Church: Local and Universal

Images of the Church:

- The Building of Christ
- The Body of Christ
- The Bride of Christ
- The Family of God

Where do you fit in?

- Ministry to God: Worship
- Ministry to Believers: Nurture
- Ministry to the World: Evangelism and Mercy

DISCUSSION

1. What's the craziest thing you've heard someone say about church?
2. When you think of the invisible church as the fellowship of all believers throughout all time, does it affect the way you see yourself as an individual Christian?
3. Would you consider the church you are now in to be a true church?
 - a. Have you ever been a member of what you now consider a false church?
4. How can you contribute to the church? Would you like to discuss with someone?