



THE WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

CONVERSATION STARTER

What have you been learning from God's Word this week? Briefly share what you've been reading in Scripture and how it spoke to you.

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Question 2: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

Answer: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

This is God's Word, not man's.

READ: 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Peter 1:20-21

How have you come to realize that the Bible is truly God's Word and the ultimate authority of your life? How would you explain this to a skeptic? Could you?

How does a central authority (God and his Word) serve such an important role in shaping how we live out our lives?

God's Word is the foundation of community.

READ: 1 John 1:1-4

Reflecting on our culture, how does someone generally become friends with other people? Is there a difference between connections made in the secular world and those who share a hope in Jesus? How do/should they look different? Have you experienced this in your own life?

How can God's Word help us when we have disagreements or conflicts within our faith family?

God's Word shapes our work.

READ: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Do you typically think of God's Word as being your final authority when you make daily decisions?
How does this work practically in your life?

How do you personally use Scripture to teach, reprove, correct, and train others who are in your life?
Consider sharing stories of how Scripture has helped you in these pursuits.

God's Word tells you where salvation can be found.

Read: 2 Timothy 3:14-15

How does what God's Word says about salvation differ from what the world teaches?

How can we go before those in our secular circles (family, co-workers, etc) and proclaim God's salvation with humility and gentleness?

Wrap it up

What stood out to you in this week's sermon? What were your biggest takeaways?

DISCIPLINES

Pray: Ask God to help us to fulfill our ultimate purpose in life to glorify him and enjoy him forever.

Read: *Evidence that Demands a Verdict* by Josh McDowell; *Taking God at His Word* by Kevin DeYoung; *7 Reasons Why You can Trust the Bible* by Erwin Lutzer

Write: Take time to write down your thoughts and insights from the sermon this week. Keeping a journal is just one more tool that you can use to track what God is showing you in your walk with him. Consider writing in questions for the podcast on the Gateway Church app.

Sing: Listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Love: Share about the Kingdom of God to someone who needs to hear about it.
Sermon Discussion Guide