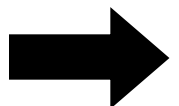


**DEVOTED: Devoted to Doctrine: Doctrine is simply what the Bible teaches about a given topic. Studying the Bible will help you understand yourself, the world around you, and Jesus.**

1. Who was one of your favorite teachers throughout your schooling? What did they teach you? How did they teach you? What made them stand out to you as a teacher?
  
2. On Sunday, Jeff’s message was about being Devoted to doctrine. What did you hear on Sunday that motivated you to grow in this area?
  
3. One essential ingredient in a healthy church is “sound doctrine.” Sound doctrine is the sum total of the Bible’s teaching on any given topic. Take the following verses that help to define “doctrine” and fill in the table below.

VERSE	What is sound doctrine? How does Paul describe it? What are the characteristics of sound doctrine?	What are the results of sound doctrine? How does sound doctrine impact our lives?
1 Timothy 1:3-5		
1 Timothy 4:6-7		
1 Timothy 6:3-5		
2 Timothy 1:13-14		
2 Timothy 2:15-16		
Titus 1:9-11		
Titus 2:1		



4. Based on these passages, how would you respond to someone who said that sound doctrine is an optional add-on for intellectual Christians who enjoy that sort of study?
  
5. In order to see the world the way the Lord wants us to see it and do what He would have us to do, we have to study the teachings of Jesus. The teachings of Jesus are our doctrinal core, and the rest of the Bible either leads up to Jesus or helps explain His teachings. Simply put, you have to read and study your Bible to get to know Jesus. *What have you found to be helpful to you to keep on track with reading and studying your Bible?*

### ***Why Did God Give Us the Bible?***

6. *To Teach Us about Himself:* Can you think of a Scripture that describes what God is like? (Read James 1:17 as an example.)
  
7. *To Teach Us about Ourselves and the World We Live In:* Can you think of a Scripture that explains why the world is the way it is? (Read **Genesis 3:1-7** as an example.)
  
8. *To Enable Us to Live Godly Lives:* Can you think of a Scripture that speaks to our growth in holiness? (Read **2 Timothy 3:16-17** for an example.)
  
9. *To Facilitate a Relationship with God:* Can you think of a Scripture that talks about God's desire to be in relationship with us? (Read **1 John 4:10** for an example.)
  
10. *To Exalt Jesus:* Can you think of a Scripture that elevates Jesus to His proper place? (Read **Hebrews 2:9** for an example.)
  
11. *To Prepare Us for Our God-Given Mission:* Can you think of a Scripture that speaks to our mission as Christians? (Read **2 Corinthians 5:20** as an example).

***Prayer Time: Pray for the right motivation to read God's word. Pray that God would captivate you with His word and deliver to you the awe of wonder that comes with a true sense of belief and faith in Him.***

**UPCOMING: DEVOTED SEMINAR coming up on Sunday, November 22 from 3-7pm. The author of the DEVOTED book, Arron Chambers, will be here and conducting this seminar.**