

Scriptural Authority

2Peter 1:16-21

- Your response to this sermon:
 - Did the Holy Spirit convict you of anything that needs correcting?
 - Did you respond by deciding to make a change in your life?
 - What **specifically** is going to change, and how specifically can your small group help you?

- Read the following passages that correspond to 4 different characteristics of God's Word:
 - / Scriptural **Authority** (2Peter 1:20,21) – the Bible has a *say* in your life
 - / Scriptural **Clarity** (1Cor 2:12-16) – you can understand *what* it says for your life
 - / Scriptural **Necessity** (Matt 4:4) – you *need* what it says in your life
 - / Scriptural **Sufficiency** (2Timothy 3:16,17) – what it says is *all* that you need in your life
 - If a person truly believed these four truths about God's Word, what evidence of that would we see in their life?
 - Did Jesus demonstrate these four convictions in His life? How?
 - If you are a parent or mentor, how are you passing these values on to those who you are discipling?

- 2Peter 1:16a “We did not follow cleverly devised myths...”
 - What are some cleverly devised myths that are still followed today?
 - Had you ever been caught up in following a myth? How were you rescued from that?

- 2Peter 1:16b-19a “We were eyewitnesses of His majesty... we heard this very voice...”
 - To what event do you think Peter was referring in these verses?
 - In comparison to this event, why do you think Peter refers to Scripture as “more fully confirmed”?
 - What can we learn from Peter placing more value on the written Word than on personal experiences?

- 2Peter 1:21 “... men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”
 - What advantages does Scripture have by being written by many different authors?
 - What author or portion of Scripture has really been speaking to you lately?
 - In what ways does God still express Himself through people today?