

Sunday, October 20, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

# Part 3: Rooted in Truth

Multiple Scriptures

Wawasee Bible is part of the Evangelical Free Church of America



We exist to glorify God by multiplying CA transformational churches among all people.

## To be TRANSFORMATIONAL

(from something to something else)

Internally: individuals & congregations 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ezekiel 36:26-27

Externally: surrounding people & communities Matthew 5:13-16

# a church must be <u>ROOTED</u> in the <u>BIBLE</u>,

centrality of the Gospel 1 Corinthians 15:3ff



# recognizing its AUTHORITY,

2 Timothy 3:16-17

We believe that **God has spoken in the Scriptures**, both Old and New Testaments, through the words of human authors. As the verbally **inspired** Word of God, the Bible is **without error** in the original writings, the **complete revelation** of His will for salvation, and the **ultimate authority** by which every realm of human knowledge and endeavor should be judged. Therefore, it is to be **believed** in all that it teaches, **obeyed** in all that it requires, and **trusted** in all that it promises. **– Article 2, EFCA Statement of Faith** 

# teaching it <u>FAITHFULLY</u>,

a sound "hermeneutic" – correct interpretation 2 Tim

2 Timothy 2:15

one big story that we're part of

## and applying it **REGULARLY**.

the "missional" intent James 1:22

contextualized application - it's for today!



### **Getting Started**

1. **Getting to Know You:** Growing up, what was your favorite book? Or favorite story/movie/etc.? Why?

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

 Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? What'd you learn? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

### **Digging Deeper**

- 3. This week we made the point that a transformational church must be rooted in the Bible. Look up some of the following Scriptures and write down what they tell us about what God's Word *is* or what it *does*, or *both*.
  - a. What it is Hebrews 5:12-14 Philippians 2:16 Ephesians 6:17
  - b. What it *does* John 2:5 John 12:48 Romans 10:17 John 15:3
  - c. Both 1 Peter 1:23 John 8:31-32 John 17:17 1 Peter 2:2 Hebrews 4:12
- 4. **Psalm 119** is the longest chapter in the Bible and 171 of its 176 verses contain a reference to God's Word. This Psalm gives us an inside look at how the writer, King David, used the Scriptures to stay connected with God in the midst of chaotic life circumstances. As you read through the following sections of this Psalm:
  - Circle / highlight any words or phrases that catch your attention.
  - **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
  - Put an **X** or **?** next to anything that confuses you.

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Psalm 119:1-8 Psalm 119:9-16 Psalm 119:65-72
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5. Humility is a very important character trait for helping us stay teachable and correctly interpret, teach, and apply the Bible. When we are proud we often do the opposite, and use the Bible in "bad" ways. What do you learn about pride and humility from these passages?

Proverbs 11:2 Proverbs 16:18 Romans 12:3 1 Peter 5:5-7

- 6. How is our ability to recognize the authority of God's Word—believing it in all that it teaches, obeying it in all it requires, and trusting it in all that it promises—impacted by humility?
- 7. Humility is often defined as an accurate view of ourselves including our strengths, weaknesses and limitations. Do you think humility in our interactions with others is similar or different from humility in our relationship with God?
- 8. Close by praying for each other, for our church, and for our community.

# PRAYER GUIDE

During your prayer time this week, let's all be praying together about the following items. Use the space at the bottom to record your personal prayer items, or requests from your Life Group.

#### **Neighboring Church**

Pray this week for the ministry and people of Vineyard Church in Syracuse.

#### **Personal Prayer Items**

#### Word Find for 2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it 15 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. 16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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