

## INTRODUCTION

- \* We have spent the past 18 months “Focusing on the Christ” ... today, we begin looking at a new series – one that will last, Lord willing, 7 years!
- \* Some statistics – Gallup.com : Belief in Bible and Reading the Bible; Barna.org: views on Scriptures; Kelton Research: Bible Knowledge

- \* The Importance of KNOWING the Word of God cannot be overstated ... or over-taught.
- \* Paul, in his last statement to the elders of Ephesus stated, “I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.”  
... υποστέλλω – to withhold under (out of sight), to cower or shrink, to conceal (v. 20 I have kept nothing back)  
... it is my desire to lead this assembly in faithfully examining the entirety of Scripture
- \* Four years ago, in 2008, we did a quick one year survey of the Scriptures. This time we want to spend more time, Lord willing, seeking to touch upon “the whole counsel of God” as expressed in the entirety of His Word

## INSTRUCTION

### I. THE I\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE “WHOLE COUNSEL” OF GOD

A. Specifically: The G\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. v. 21, 24; Acts 17:2-3)

B. Generally: The S\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. v. 31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:4; Lk 24:27-32)

### II. THE I\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE “WHOLE COUNSEL” OF GOD (cf. 2 Tim 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20; 3:14-16)

### III. THE I\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE “WHOLE COUNSEL” OF GOD (cf. Matt 22:23-33)

A. Unto Sa\_\_\_\_\_ation (cf. II Timothy 3:14-15; I Cor 15:3-4; Isaiah 53 )

B. Unto Sa\_\_\_\_\_ation (cf. II Timothy 3:16-4:4)

1. D\_\_\_\_\_ALLY – WE SHOULD DESIRE TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD
  - a. L\_\_\_\_\_ing the Truth (cf. Eph 4:20-21; Matt 22:23-33)
  - b. T\_\_\_\_\_ing the Truth (Acts 8:35; Deut 6:7)
  - c. D\_\_\_\_\_ing the Truth (I Peter 3:15; Acts 18:24-28)
2. P\_\_\_\_\_ALLY – WE SHOULD DESIRE TO \_\_\_\_\_ THE TRUTH OF GOD’S WORD (Deut 6:8-9; Rom 15:4; II Tim 3:16-17; Jam 1:22)

### IV. THE I\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE “WHOLE COUNSEL” OF GOD

A. R\_\_\_\_\_ing The Word (cf. Romans 15:4; James 1:25)

B. S\_\_\_\_\_ing The Word (cf. Acts 17:10-12; II Timothy 2:15; I Peter 3:15)

C. M\_\_\_\_\_ing The Word (cf. Deut 6:5-6; Psalm 1:1-2; Psalm 119:11; 19:97-99)

## INTROSPECTION

- \* HOW WOULD YOU DO IF YOU WERE GIVEN A “BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE” QUIZ TODAY?
- \* COULD YOU SHARE WITH OTHERS WHY YOU BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD?
- \* DO YOU BELIEVE THAT THE BIBLE IS THE LITERAL, VERBAL WORD OF GOD?  
... OR DO YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS JUST A GOOD BOOK OF MORAL GUIDELINES?
- \* WHAT DOES YOUR LIFE REVEAL ABOUT YOUR BELIEFS?  
IS YOUR LIFE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT THE BIBLE?