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1. Is there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused or challenged you as a result of hearing Sunday's sermon?
2. What is your favorite Bible verse or passage? Why? How has it helped you "stand firm in the Lord?"
3. Pastor Kurt began his message on Sunday with the reminder that our battle is not primarily against forces we can see. To illustrate this point Pastor Kurt described a scene recorded in Daniel chapter 10. First read Ephesians 6:12 and then Daniel chapter 10 and discuss what you discover about the invisible battle raging in the unseen realm.
4. In our three-week consideration of the "Sword of the Spirit" five aspects of wielding the Word of God in a powerful will be highlighted.
  - 1) Affirm it for what it is
  - 2) Understand its nature
  - 3) Embrace its power
  - 4) Learn its content
  - 5) Use it in our daily lives
  - a. As a point of review, briefly discuss point 1, affirming God's Word for what it is. (See 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:20-21)

5. Point 2, the topic of this week's sermon, is understanding the nature of God's word. The nature of God's Word was presented using four words easily remembered by the acronym SCAN<sup>1</sup>. Fill in the acrostic below;

S \_\_\_\_\_

C \_\_\_\_\_

A \_\_\_\_\_

N \_\_\_\_\_

Sufficient, Clear, Authoritative, Necessary

6. By **Sufficient** we mean the Scriptures contain everything we need for knowledge of salvation and godly living. We don't need any new revelation from heaven.

- a. Read Hebrews 1:1-3 and discuss what you learn about the sufficiency of God's revelation.
- b. Discuss the following quote;

*The Word of God is more than enough  
for the people of God  
to live their lives to the Glory of God.*

7. By **Clear** we mean the saving message of Jesus Christ is plainly taught in the Scriptures and can be understood by all who have ears to hear it. We do not need extra biblical revelations or resources to tell us what the Bible means regarding salvation.

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<sup>1</sup> Pastor Kurt derived much of his content on the nature of God from Kevin DeYoung's excellent book *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Knowable, Necessary, and Enough and What That Means for You and Me*.

- a. What do you learn about the clarity of Scripture from Deuteronomy 30:11-14?
- b. Discuss the following assertion;

*The clarity of Scripture teaches that though all the Scriptures may not be understood perfectly, they can be understood sufficiently and therefore all who hear the Scripture will be held accountable to its message.*

8. By **Authoritative** we mean that the last word always goes to the word of God. We must never allow the teachings of science, of human experience, or of church councils to take precedence over Scripture.

- a. Read Acts 17:10-12 and discuss what you it has to say about Scripture as our final authority.
- b. Discuss the following assertion;

*“Surely it is the mark of a Christian to believe everything the Bible teaches no matter who says it can’t be so. (DeYoung, 80)”*

9. By **Necessary** we mean that general revelation is not enough to save us. We cannot know God savingly by means of personal experience and human reason. We need God’s word to tell us how to live, who Christ is, and how to be saved.

- a. Read 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 and discuss what this passage tells us about the necessity of God’s word.
- b. Discuss the following assertion;

*The Scriptures are our spectacles (to use Calvin’s phrase), the lenses through which we see God, the world, and ourselves rightly. We cannot truly know God, his will, or the way of salvation apart from the Bible. (DeYoung, 85)*