



God's Word Is Complete

Lesson Summary

Last week we looked at the Old Testament: how it has been preserved, how Jesus believed and taught from it, and why we can trust it to be truthful and accurate. This week we studied the New Testament and learned that God's Word is complete.

We know God's Word is true because 1) God guided and inspired the men to write the message he wanted them to write—in fact, Jesus promised that he would send the Holy Spirit to help the writers know exactly what God wanted them to write; 2) God cannot lie—so his Word must be true; 3) the Bible was written by eyewitnesses—like the Apostle John—who learned from Jesus.

We know God's Word is complete because God warns us in the book of Revelation that no one should change God's Word by adding to it or taking anything out of it. The 39 books in the Old Testament and the 27 books in the New Testament make up the complete Word of God. You can be sure of that. No one can add anything to his Word or take anything from it.

Read and Discuss

Read the following passages and discuss the questions together.

John 14:25–26

1. How does this promise of Jesus to his disciples increase our trust in the reliability of the Gospel accounts?

John 21:24

2. Why should we believe the testimony of John in his Gospel account?

Deuteronomy 4:2, 12:32; Proverbs 30:5–6; Revelation 22:18–19

3. How seriously does God take tampering with his Word?

Ephesians 2:19–21

4. If the foundation of the church has already been laid by the apostles and prophets, with Jesus as the chief cornerstone, should we expect future additions to God's Word? Why or why not?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Prayer

Thank God for his complete Word. Ask him to increase our confidence in it and to show us how to study it more effectively and how to share it with others.

Family Prayer Requests: