



GPS: Set Your Course by Reliable Truth

Psalm 119:105; Proverbs 3:5-6; Romans 16:25-27; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

OPEN

Do you have any GPS stories or tales of following incomplete or wrong directions?

What is the "GPS System" giving the people in our culture directions in life, values, and choices?

How is your GPS similar and different to the how you answered above?

Read and respond to Proverbs 14:12.

DISCUSS

Read Prov 3:5-6 and Psalm 119:105.

David and Solomon and the disciples who made up the first church rejoiced that they'd discovered "**God's Positioning System**" (**GPS**). The theological word for it is "REVELATION" -- the "revealed truth for living" that God supplies to his followers in the Scriptures we call the Bible or the Word of God.

What is the role of Scripture in your life? Are you satisfied with your level of investment and how Scripture is influencing your life (GPS)?

Read 2 Tim 3:16-17. Using this verse as a foundation, explore the following truths about God's revelation (GPS):

1. Our GPS is Inspired

Respond to the following sermon quote: "The good news is that you've got a source of direction in life that is infinitely more reliable and insightful than Wikipedia, the Wall Street Journal, Reddit, or your favorite pundit. You now have personal access to the revealed intelligence of the most magnificent mind in the Universe. Though compiled across centuries by people who never knew each other or read the parts to which their portion would be conjoined, the Bible remains strikingly unified in its themes, staggeringly accurate in its telling and foretelling of events, and stunningly relevant to every generation and culture."

Do you have confidence in the reliability of the Bible? Explain.

2. Our GPS is Useful

List (in our 2 Tim verse) the ways Scripture is useful and how you have witnessed this usefulness in your life:

3. Our GPS Equips Us for Proficiency

Read 2 Tim 3:17 again. Do you feel fully equipped (or proficient) in the major spheres of your life?

Respond to this sermon quote: "The Bible is the key to building this kind of proficiency. It is God's heart, mind, soul, and strength offered to all of us who belong to God so that we be **"thoroughly equipped for every good work."** God has made HIMSELF available to you and me through His written Word every bit as powerfully and personally as He did to the original disciples through His Word made flesh. If we will take hold of Him more regularly, take Him into ourselves more fully, we will be amazed by the impact."

How are you called to respond to this study, discussion, and Scriptures you have read?

How would you explain the inextricable connection between the gospel and revelation?

GETTING THE GOSPEL

Get right with God (*Justification*)

Overcome Your Character Flaws (*Sanctification*)

Set Your Course By Reliable Truth (*Revelation: Bible and Holy Spirit*)

Participate in Renewing This World (*Redemption and Reconciliation*)

Enjoy Life Beyond Death (*Resurrection*)

Love with the Greatest Love of All (*Glorification*)

How does understanding the gospel this way change or impact how you have previously thought about the gospel?

NEXT STEPS

- Commit yourself to regular reading and reflection of Scripture. You have many resources available to you: Christ Church Bookstore, YouVersion mobile app, *How to Study the Bible* card given at church, and the Bible itself.
- Write specifically what you will do as a next step to encounter God's revelation (GPS) more in your life: