

A Biblical Church

Acts 1:15-26

Main Point:

The Bible is essential for the life and ministry of the church; therefore, we need to study it and submit to it.

1. Like prayer, the Bible is essential for the life and ministry of the church.

2. This means we need to study the Bible.

3. This also means we need to submit to the Bible.

4. As we do so, Jesus will be honored and at work among us.

Cross-References and Quotations

Derek Thomas “This may not be the most exciting part of Acts, but the passage is full of instruction for us regarding the role Scripture played in Peter’s reasoning.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17 ¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work. (NKJV)

Psalms 69:25 ²⁵ Let their dwelling place be desolate; Let no one live in their tents. (NKJV)

Psalms 109:8 ⁸ Let his days be few, *And* let another take his office. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas “His use of two psalms in this brief address ... indicates that the past few weeks had been spent in deep meditation upon the Scriptures and what they taught about Jesus and the future.”

Psalms 119:97 ⁹⁷ Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas “The Bible had become central in Peter’s assessment of what shape his life would now take. He plundered the Scriptures to find out what God had taught, and showed a ready willingness to obey it.”

Deuteronomy 12:32 ³² “Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it. (NKJV)

John 14:23 ²³ Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (NKJV)