

SUNDAY MORNING

8/6/17

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Votum and Salutation

Psalter 417

Reading of the Law of God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19;

Hebrews 4:12-16

Prayer

Psalter 322

Sermon Text: Ps. 19:7-9; Heb. 4:12

Scripture's Transforming Power

(Reformation Series #1)*

1. *Its transforming, powerful call*
2. *Its transforming, powerful operations*
3. *Its transforming, powerful perfections*
4. *Its transforming, powerful usage*
5. *Its transforming, powerful fruits*

Psalter 38:1-3 (standing)

Sermon Conclusion

Closing Prayer

Psalter 428:1, 6, 8

Doxology (Psalter 243:15)

Benediction

*Rationale: The three of us pastors will be doing 12 Reformation sermons (numbered 1-12) for the next 12 weeks leading up to the 500th anniversary birthday of the Reformation on October 31, 2017. This series of sermons will highlight the impact of the Reformation on reviving scriptural understanding of various key concepts and issues, reminding us today to also be always reformed and reforming in these areas in accord with Scripture. The series will also illustrate how the Belgic Confession captured much of these truths as an early Reformed confession. (Thus, the overview of these topical sermons which will also serve as an overview of the Belgic Confession will replace the Heidelberg Catechism sermons for these three months.)

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1. *What five important ways did the Reformers emphasize Scripture in contrast to Roman Catholicism in the sixteenth-century Reformation?*
2. *In God's transforming, powerful call to His people, what two divine, supernatural agencies does He use? How do they relate to each other?*
3. *Describe how the Scripture affirms its own transforming power when it speaks of God's Word as:*
 - (1) *a lamp*
 - (2) *a hammer*
 - (3) *a sword*
 - (4) *a seed*
4. *What four areas of transforming, powerful perfections do Hebrews 4:12 and Psalm 19:7-9 unfold for us?*
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
 - (4)
5. *Based on Scripture, what eight properties did Richard Greenham offer us to help us experience the transforming power of Scripture as we read it?*
 - (1) (5)
 - (2) (6)
 - (3) (7)
 - (4) (8)
6. *Based on Scripture, list the "ten commandments" that Thomas Watson provides us for how to listen to the preached Word.*
 - (1) (6)
 - (2) (7)
 - (3) (8)
 - (4) (9)
 - (5) (10)
7. *List four major fruits that flow from the transforming power of God's Word.*
 - (1)
 - (2)
 - (3)
 - (4)