

# LESSON 1: THE TWO AUTHORITIES IN OUR LIVES

## GOD AS THE ULTIMATE AUTHORITY IN OUR LIVES

### Read **Acts 15:1-29**

- ▶ How did the Jews feel about eating meat with blood?

### Read **John 6:47-58**

- ▶ What is Jesus telling them they must do to have eternal life?
- ▶ Considering Acts 15:1-29, how do you think the Jews responded to this command?

### Read **John 6:66-69**

- ▶ What is the response of the Jews?
- ▶ What is the response of His disciples?

The key to our lives is that God is the One we look to as the ultimate Authority in our lives.

- ▶ Who or what is currently the ultimate authority in your life?

## WHAT DOES GOD WANT FOR ME?

- ▶ How do you know what Jesus Christ wants for us?

There are two authorities that Jesus uses to show us what He wants us to do. The first one is the **Bible** and the second one is the **Holy Spirit**. We will look at the Bible first.

## THE BIBLE AS OUR AUTHORITY

### Read **Matthew 22:29-33**

- ▶ Who does God say that He is?

*Principle: Jesus just based His doctrine of eternal security and resurrection on the verb tense of "I Am". Since this is true, we must regard every word in the Bible as extremely authoritative in our lives.*

### Read **John 10:34-35**

- ▶ What does Jesus say about the scriptures?
- ▶ What does it mean to you that the scriptures cannot be broken?

## AUTHENTICITY OF THE SCRIPTURES

### **Read 2 Peter 3:15-16**

- ▶ What does Peter say about the letters of Paul?

### **Read 2 Peter 1:20-21**

- ▶ According to these verses, where was the Bible originated?

## MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

### **Read Hebrews 4:12**

- ▶ What does this verse tell us about the Word of God?
- ▶ What do we have to do in order to see God's Word have this effect in our life?

## HOW TO MEDITATE

### **Read Joshua 1:8-9**

- ▶ What do these verses state that we should do to be careful to do according to all that is written in it?

## THE HOLY SPIRIT DIRECTS OUR LIFE

### **Read Acts 13:2**

- ▶ How did the church in Antioch know that God wanted them to set apart Barnabas and Saul for the work He had planned for them?

### **Read Ephesians 1:15-17**

- ▶ What two things did Paul pray that God would give the people in the church?

## HOW GOD SPEAKS

### **Read 1 Kings 19:11-13**

- ▶ How does God speak to Elijah?