



The sufficiency of Scripture means that Scripture ... contains all the words of God we need for salvation, for trusting him perfectly, and for obeying him perfectly. - Wayne Grudem

"The doctrine of Scripture's **sufficiency** reminds us that God's word tells us all we need to know for life and godliness in Christ Jesus.... We don't need new revelations. We don't need dreams or vision. We don't need a council of prophets or a quorum of apostles to present to us new information about Jesus Christ and the gospel. Scripture doesn't tell us everything we might want to know. But it tells us everything we truly need to know." - Kevin DeYoung

Do you have confidence that the Bible is sufficient in the way the previous quotes state? Why or why not?

Kevin DeYoung says "Scripture doesn't tell us everything we might want to know." What are some things that we wish the Bible told us about, but it doesn't? Is it ever hard to understand why God chose not to tell us about some things?

How does the sufficiency of Scripture depend on the authority, clarity, and necessity of Scripture? Why should these other doctrines help us believe that the Bible is enough for us?

Read 2 Timothy 3:1-17.

- According to these verses, why do we need God's Word?
- According to these verses, how does God's Word help us with our expectations about the way the world is
- According to these verses, how does God's Word help us with our expectations about what will happen to those who seek to live a godly life?
- Can you give an example from your life where you have had to face the realities of a sinful world and the difficulties of living for God in it?
- Verse 16 says that "All Scripture is God-breathed" some translations say "All scripture is given by inspiration of God." Inspired, or God-breathed, doesn't mean that God

people were inspired by a religious experience and wrote the Bible down, it literally means that the writings of the Bible are the very words of God, as if He breathed them out/spoke them. Does this understanding of God's Word help you to believe they are actually all you need to know Christ and live a holy life in a sinful world?

- How does God's Word help us to live godly lives in this world? (Look at verses 16-17).
- Has God's Word helped you to live a godly life in this world? Give an example.