

Questions for Study and Reflection: Reformation 500 4: Scripture Alone

Warming up:

Which books are on your nightstand/shelf/desk at the moment?

How bad does a book have to be for you to start reading it, but give up before you've reached the end?

What struck you most about the sermon from Sunday?

Reading the Bible

Turn to Isaiah 55

What are some of the ways that this passage, shows us the person (*who he is*) and the work (*what he has done/is doing/will do*) of Jesus?

Verse 11: *So is my word that goes out from my mouth:
 it will not return to me empty,
 but will accomplish what I desire
 and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

What is the purpose of God's Word? What does it mean for it to 'not return empty'?

Going deeper

"No man ever believes that the Bible means what it says; he is always convinced that it says what he means." - George Bernard Shaw. How can we try and make sure that we don't make the Bible say what we want it to?

There is no mention of celebrating Birthdays in the Bible. Is it unbiblical to celebrate Birthdays?

Applying to our lives

Does it need to feel 'life changing' every time we read the Bible?

Are we satisfied with the depth and regularity of our Bible reading? If not, what step could we make today to change that? If we are, how can we increase our appetite?