Text: Various Topics: Salvation, Sanctification, Word of God Series: The Written Word Monroe Bible Church January 1, 2023 Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl

Is the Bible Necessary?

I. Need God's Word? (Romans 1:18-21)

God has made Himself and His moral law known through <u>conscience</u> and <u>nature</u>.

II. Need God's Word! (1 Peter 1:23; John 17:17)

We need the Word of God to know what God says concerning <u>salvation</u> and <u>sanctification</u>.

III. Know God's Word? (1 Peter 2:2)

We <u>need</u> the Word of God to <u>grow</u>!

What most helps me to consistently *take* in and *live* out God's Word?

<u>Application Questions</u> - These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.

1. Read Romans 1:18-21. What has God made known and how?

Give 1-2 examples of how knowing this can encourage you in your faith.

Why has God's wrath been revealed? Can you think of an example of God's wrath being revealed?

Read the rest of Romans 1. What warning is being given?

How can you use what is said in the first and second parts of this passage in a conversation with someone who has yet to believe in Christ?

2. What are the seeds Peter refers to in 1 Peter 1:23?

God uses His Word to bring about salvation. (See also Romans 10:14-17) What verses in His Word would you use to help someone who is yet to believe?

3. What does sanctify mean and how did Jesus ask the Father to sanctify His followers in John 17:17? (See also 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Explain how you are being sanctified.

4. Why does Peter urge his readers to long for (desire/crave) the Word of God?

Describe your intake, understanding, and application of God's Word in a normal week. What are your challenges and helps?