

## What Do YOU Say About The WORD? Pastor Jeff Schwarzentraub

This weekend we finished our *SAY WHAT?* series by asking the question, “What do YOU say about the WORD?” After studying the testimony of the Word, the testimony of God, the testimony of history and the testimony of a Biblical worldview, we ended by asking what we personally and corporately say about the Word of God. God has given us incredible power in His Word and He desires us to live, believe and *speak* His Word. God didn’t just give us the Bible to leave on a shelf, God wants us to *use* His Word by *speaking* it. When His written Word by faith becomes the spoken Word then we can expect to experience the Living Word.

Here are some notes to review from past sermons...

### REVIEW

The Enemy wants you to DOUBT God’s (Genesis 3)

- WORD
- GOODNESS
- JUSTICE
- AUTHORITY

The Written Word testifies it is...

- Eternal (Isaiah 40:8)
- Inspired (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Infallible (2 Peter 1:20-21)
- Inerrant (John 10:35a)
- Supernatural (Genesis-Revelation)

The written Word reveals the Living Word (John 1:1,14, Hebrews 1:1-3)

The Living Word believed ALL the written Word...

- Testifies about Him (John 5:39-40)
- Testifies to the Truth (John 18:37)
- Testifies He is God (Mark 14:62)
- Testifies He is central to all salvation (John 14:6)

History of Canonization

History of Prophecy

History of Response

Biblical Worldview

- Meaning: Why am I here?
- You are unique not accidental
  
- Moral: What’s the problem?
- You are sinful not good
  
- Message: Is there any hope?
- You are loved not abandoned

- Mission: Where am I heading?
- You are accountable not exempt

Here are the notes from this past weekend...

**The spoken Word magnifies and manifests the Living Word  
(as it pertains to...)**

- **Spiritual Warfare**
- **Convicting Hearts**
- **Changing the World**

**What do YOU say about the WORD?**

Please use any of the following questions if you find them helpful...

1. How has this series on the Word of God been influential for you? What are some of the ways you think differently about Word than prior to the past five messages? Describe how your confidence in the Word of God has grown.
2. What are some of the ways you are going to continue to grow so that you are more equipped to use the Word of God?
3. What is the difference between the graphe (writings), logos (Christ) and rhema (spoken word)? Why is the rhema important in our spiritual battles? According to Ephesians 6, how many offensive weapons have we been given? How important is it to know how to use our spiritual arsenal?
4. Why must we be saved, have our identity rooted in Christ and believe rather than just mouth the Words of the Bible? (see Acts 19:11-ff.)
5. Compare and contrast the encounter Satan had with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:1-7) versus the one he had with Jesus Christ in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). Talk about how they responded to the devil. What were the results? What made the difference? What can you learn and apply from these stories?
6. Look at Luke 24:13-35. What did Jesus discuss with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus? When Jesus had vanished, why did the disciples say their hearts were burning? If Jesus used the Scriptures to testify about Himself and if the disciples' hearts were burning within them when they listened to the Scriptures, then how important is it for us to minister using the Scriptures?
7. If preaching and teaching the Scriptures showcase the Lord Jesus Christ, then why do so few churches use the Bible and many simply use it as reference material? If a preacher or teacher is not preaching or teaching the Word of God, who is that preacher or teacher showcasing? What are some of the challenges with this?

8. God could have brought the world into existence in any way He desired. He could have painted it, drew it, sculpted it, thought it, etc. But how did God bring the world into existence? How powerful is the spoken Word of God?
9. When the Word of God is spoken by a believer in Jesus Christ, how does that activate the Holy Spirit? In Genesis 1:1-3, what was the posture of the Spirit of God before Jesus spoke? Once Jesus said, "Let there be light," what happened? How ready is the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer to move in response to hearing the Word of God spoken?
10. How important is it for the believer to know the Word BEFORE a situation presents itself? What are some disciplines you may need to begin? How will knowing God's Word be helpful to you in your journey with Jesus Christ?