



If you only had one thing that you would recommend to a person looking for a church, what would that one thing be? Would it be a loving atmosphere? Would it be a caring and attentive pastoral team? Would you push them to a church that had a great “worship experience?” Do you encourage them to settle down in a church with a strong children’s ministry or a vibrant student ministry?

For the record, I wouldn’t put any of those qualities to the top of my list. Why? Did you happen to notice that each of these items relate to a self-oriented consumer mentality? None of the items mentioned are bad in-and-of themselves, it is just that none of them have been chosen by God to be a central means of providing the grace necessary to live life to its fullest. Today we will find out what that “one thing” is and how it is empowered by God to change you.

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1. What does the _____ say about _____?

The Big Idea:

2. How did the people of God see the _____ of God?

3. How does _____ cause me to _____?

Target Practice: Use this resource to meditate on the message.

1. What are some things mentioned that the Bible claims for itself?
2. In what way did God want His people to evaluate whether or not a particular belief was true? (See Deut. 12:32-13:4)
3. How did people see the authority of the Bible during the Old Testament? In what way does this relate to question #1?
4. What is the role that the Bible now plays in causing me to grow spiritually today?