

# The Sincerity of the Search

John 5:39-40  
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You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life. - **John 5:39-40**

## I. THE OBSERVATION

- The insincere search finds personal gain.
- Every man is a theologian, formulating thoughts of God and man.
- Salvation comes through humble faith.  
Ephesians 2.8

## II. THE INTERPRETATION

- Scripture is a single story culminating in reconciliation.  
Luke 24.44
- What is the proper interpretation today?

## III. THE APPLICATION

- We, like the Jews, are given a call to apply the Word in our lives.
- Mankind has a natural tendency to avoid submission.
- What are the most important things in life?  
Matthew 6:30-33

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

**Please read John 5:39-40**

1. In the past, how much have you thought about Scripture being one unified story? How would you tell that story in a few minutes to someone who doesn't know the Bible at all?
2. How much have you thought of your life as a continuation of the story in Scripture? In a very broad sense, where does your life fit into the story?
3. In what ways have you seen people try to make the Bible fit their own desires?
4. What does it mean that humility is an integral part of saving faith, and why is this necessary?
5. Who is somebody you know that you would say clearly demonstrates a desire to seek Jesus? What is it about their life that demonstrates this?
6. What areas of your life do you tend to hold onto most tightly that may conflict with treasuring Jesus above all?