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III. Nature and Description of the Scriptures

1. Characteristics

b) True: Psalm 119:160; John 17:17

Psalm 119:160 | Page 160 | ESV Pew Bible

What does it the Psalmist mean with saying "*the sum of your word is truth*"?

- **Time**: That the Word of God is timeless. God's word, from the beginning is true. In the beginning was the Word.
 - John 1:1-2 | Page 1053 | ESV Pew Bible
 - Psalm 90:2 | Page 588 | ESV Pew Bible
 - **Question**: Knowing the that Word of God stands the test of time, how does that help us in today's world?
- **Totality**: That all of the Word of God is true. From the beginning of our Bibles: Genesis to Revelation.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 | Page 1182-1183 ESV Pew Bible
 - Proverbs 30:5 | Page 653 | ESV Pew Bible
 - **Question**: What are some potential dangers if we only accept or focus on certain parts of Scripture as being true? Why is it crucial to trust the truth of all of God's Word?

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- **Priority**: That the Word of God should be a priority in our life, not just one part or some parts, but all of scripture.
 - **Psalm 1:2** | Page 528 | ESV Pew Bible
 - Matthew 4:4 | Page 961 | ESV Pew Bible
 - **Question**: What are some reasons we may be tempted to not make God's Word a priority in our lives? What does making Scripture a priority look like practically?

John 17:13-19 | Page 1074 | ESV Pew Bible

How can believers stay grounded in truth in a world that often rejects or distorts it?

John 17:17 | Page 1074 | ESV Pew Bible *How does someone get sanctified?*

1 Corinthians 6:11 | Page 1134 | ESV Pew Bible How does being washed, sanctified, and justified relate to each other? What role does each part play in our salvation?

Hebrews 10:10-14 | Page 1194 | ESV Pew Bible Why was Christ's sacrifice necessary for our sanctification? How does His sacrifice make us holy?