

MEETING STARTER

SOLA GRATIA – SOLA FIDE – SOLA SCRIPTURA

Ephesians 2:8,9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.

Revelation 22:18,19

¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds anything to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book. ¹⁹ And if anyone takes words away from this book of prophecy, God will take away from him his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

This is the month we celebrate the anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The three great truths rediscovered by Martin Luther are that we are saved by God's grace alone (*Sola Gratia*), through faith in Christ alone (*Sola Fide*) and that the only source of absolute truth is Holy Scripture alone (*Sola Scriptura*).

Define grace. What makes Sola Gratia so comforting?

Define faith. Paul says that even faith is, "not from yourselves, it is the gift of God." How does this give you courage for evangelizing?

Scripture is the one source of absolute truth. Share at least two ways you could bring your unchurched friends into contact with Scripture.



Identify an unchurched person you will invite to attend Thanksgiving worship with you. (People generally like the idea of giving thanks. Also, everyone is familiar with the Thanksgiving holiday. It can provide a natural-feeling opportunity to invite an unchurched acquaintance.) Write the name down and place it in a prominent place. Begin praying for God's blessing on your invitation. Proffer the invitation at an appropriate time in the coming weeks.

Share your most recent evangelism experience.