

Rev. Ainsley Harmon—Special Speaker

Message Summary: This Tuesday, October 31st, marks a very significant day in church history. We will be celebrating the 500th year anniversary of the Reformation—the 16th century movement that transformed Christianity. This is the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses, or topics for debate, on the doors of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Luther longed for his beloved Roman Catholic Church to embrace 5 Biblical Truths in particular. The “5 Solas” revolutionized his life. They can revolutionize yours. What are they?

Life-Changing Truths of the Reformation

The five *solas* are five Latin phrases popularized during the Protestant Reformation that emphasized the distinctions between the early Reformers and the Roman Catholic Church. The word *sola* is the Latin word for “only” and was used in relation to five key teachings that defined the biblical pleas of Protestants. They are:

1. ***Sola scriptura*: “Scripture alone”** (2 Peter 1:20-21; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. ***Sola fide*: “Faith alone”** (Galatians 2:16, 3:11; Romans 4:4)
3. ***Sola gratia*: “Grace alone”** (Ephesians 2:1-9)
4. ***Solus Christus*: “Through Christ alone”** (Hebrews 4:15)
5. ***Soli Deo Gloria*: “Glory to God alone”** (1 Corinthians 10:31)

LifeGroup Questions

BEGIN IT (5min) - Spend time praising God and pray for God’s guidance.

OPEN IT (10min) - What has been your path to discovery of Biblical Truths?

EXPLORE IT (60min) - Go over Sunday’s outline and Scriptures together while stopping to allow the group to make comments and contribute thoughts.

1. Discuss your understanding of the Reformation and any other key leaders of this movement and their contributions.
2. Which of the “solas” is most dear to you? Why?
3. If you were Luther, what would you address in our current church culture?
4. What Biblical Truths and “solas” are being ignored today?

APPLY IT (15min) - Spend time praying for God’s revival of His church.