



## **Sermon Discussion Questions**

Sermon Series: @theWord  
Sunday, January 2: Inspired  
II Timothy 3:16-17  
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As you begin this study, one of our hopes is that by the end of the sermon series, we can all feel more comfortable delving into the Bible because we understand more fully how amazing it truly is. But we all start at different places and we need to be honest about where we start. So, as a group, ask the following questions and be honest about them:

*What has been your experience with the Bible? How much time have you spent in reading it, studying it; how was it viewed in your home while growing up, in your church? How has it affected your life?*

*What do you believe the following terms mean when it talks about the Bible and what are your views on each if you have a view:*

- Word of God; Bible; Scripture
- Inspiration of Scripture
- Canon of Scripture
- Authority of Scripture
- How many books are in the Bible? Name as many OT books as you can. Name as many NT books as you can.
- Inerrancy of Scripture
- Infallibility of Scripture
- translation of the Bible

By the end of the sermon series, we hope that you understand all of these terms and have a strong understanding on each.

*Do you think the Bible is outdated? Do you think there are errors within the Bible and if so what errors do you see?*

What are all the ways that you know of that God speaks? Do you think you would pay more attention if God spoke to you from heaven or through the voice of a living prophet rather than if he spoke to you from the written words of Scripture? Why?

*Why do you think it was important for God to have His Word written? What benefits are there for having the Word of God written down for us?*

In what ways would it be tempting to live from trusting your experiences in life and things you have learned from day to day living as opposed to God's written word, the Bible? In what ways do you find yourself doing this?

### **Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17**

*What stands out to you in these verses after your discussion of the questions we've asked above?*

As we move through this sermon series, we will look each week at elements of this verse: all Scripture is God-breathed; useful for teaching; useful for rebuking and correcting; useful for training in righteousness.

*According to verse 17, why are we doing this?*

As an entire church, we are going to memorize these verses. So, as a group, start memorizing this together: read it outloud all together 2 times. Then try and say it as a group without reading it. Then finally, go around to each person and have them say as much as they can. Do this same drill each time you gather and you will memorize this verse.

Mike talked this morning about the differences between speculation and revelation. *What did he say? Why is it important that God communicated with us through revelation? What does this say about Him?*

*What is your view of the Old Testament? In looking at the life of Jesus, why is it critical for us to see that the Old Testament is still as important to know as the New Testament?*

In various places in the New Testament we see Jesus teaching from the Old Testament Scriptures. Knowing this tells us that Jesus had a "translation" of the original copies of the OT. How does this help us to trust "translations" we have today? What are other points Mike brought out this morning around "translations" that help you to trust the Bible?

What does the Bible say about itself? Read Proverbs 30:5-6; Isaiah 55:11; Psalm 19:7-11; Acts 17:11; Psalm 119. (Many other verses as well speak to this so read as many of the following as you want: 2 Peter 1:20-21; Matthew 1:22; Matthew 4:4; Matthew 19:5; Luke 1:70, 24:25; John 5:45-47; Acts 3:18, 21; Romans 1:2, 3:2, 9:17; 1 Cor 9:8-10; Heb 1:1-2, 6-7)

### **Read 2 Peter 3:15-16**

Mark Twain once said, "It's not the parts of the Bible that I don't understand that bother me. It's the parts of the Bible I do understand that bother me." (paraphrased)

If the Bible IS the Word of God, then it requires us to know it, learn it and obey every word in it. To not follow the words of the Bible is to "disobey" God. *Knowing this, what response stirs in you about your attitude toward the Bible?*

*How can you begin today moving toward knowing God's word and obeying it more fully? Be honest, what stirs in you that makes you "not" want to do this?*

As a group, how can you encourage one another over this next month to commit to growing in this area? One step could be to take "Eating a Bible Burger" together this month.

Pray as a group that God would help you to know his Word. He longs for us to know his Word. That is why He had it written for us!