

Small Group Questions
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The Doctrine of Scripture

1. What do 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:21 teach us about Scripture?
2. What does the word *inspire* or *inspiration* mean in this context?
3. How does the story of Paul's shipwreck in Acts 27 help us to understand the inspiration of Scripture? (The sailors lost control of the ship and had to let it *ōbear upō* or *ōmoveō* at the mercy of the storm. Compare these words in Acts 27:15 to 1 Peter 1:21. How does the Holy Spirit *ōbear upō* or *ōmoveō* in regards to Scripture?) Did man play any role in writing the Scriptures?
4. The doctrine of inerrancy teaches that the Bible is without error. Every fact or number or detail written is 100% correct. How does the inerrancy of Scripture reflect the character of God? Proverbs 30:5, John 17:17
5. If the Bible contained any errors would that affect our faith? Why or why not?
6. When Jesus was tempted by Satan in Matthew 4, how did He respond? Where did His response come from? (Hint: rhymes with Meuteronomy) How does this verse fit in with 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and 2 Peter 1:21?
7. What role does the Holy Spirit play in regards to believers and the Bible? John 16:5-15, I Corinthians 2:10-12
8. What are four things the Word of God does for us according to Psalm 19:7-8?
9. Have you ever believed in or taken a stand for something that did not make sense *ó* according to human reasoning *ó* but was instead based solely on Scripture? If so, what was it? How does Hebrews 11:1 fit in here?
10. According to the following verses, why should we know God's Word? 2 Timothy 2:15, 1 Peter 2:2, Psalm 119:11, Psalm 119:38, Psalm 119:105
11. Memorizing Scripture is one of the most beneficial things a Christian can do. What do the following passages tell us about this spiritual discipline that is extremely effective but waning in popularity? Psalm 119:11, Deuteronomy 6:6-9, Deuteronomy 11:18-21, Joshua 1:7-8, Psalm 37:28-31, Colossians 3:16
12. Why don't we do a better job of *ōhiding* God's Word in our hearts?
13. What verses would you really benefit from having permanently written on your brain's hard drive? Why these verses? Is it possible for you to learn these verses, or are you just too old?