

Foundations

The Bible

The Inspiration, Inerrancy, and Authority of Scripture

2 Timothy 3:16–17

1. Inspiration
2. Inerrancy
3. Authority

Questions for Individual Bible Study and/or Community Groups

1. Outside of scripture, from where do we receive our information? In whatever way you receive information, how do you know whether the information is true? Do you have a process with which you can decipher truth from lie? What is it?
2. When it comes to the conversation around Biblical inspiration, inerrancy, and authority, should we begin with God or the Bible? Why? Read Romans 1:19–20 and discuss. From what we see in natural revelation, we can reason that God is real, creator, and perfect. When we begin the conversation at this starting point, we can then have the conversation about what He has said.
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16–17 and 2 Peter 1:19–21. According to these passages, who is the originator or inspirer of scripture? Why is this significant?
4. Read 2 Peter 1:15–21, Galatians 1:11–12, Hebrews 2:1–4, and John 21:24–25. We clearly see all these authors—who were inspired by the Holy Spirit—call us as believers to read, listen, remember, memorize, and live out the word of God. Does Scripture being inerrant affect our belief in Jesus? Does Scripture being inerrant affect our belief in the commands of God’s word?
5. As believers, should we view the word of God as authoritative? Why or why no? What should viewing His word as authoritative drive us to do?
6. According to these truths, how should we live and respond, knowing that God’s word is inspired, inerrant, and authoritative?