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Section: Doctrine of Scripture

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q22. What is the Bible?**

The Bible is God’s inspired, infallible, inerrant, authoritative, written word.

1. What is “revelation,” and what two types of “revelation” has God given us? Discuss the two types of revelation; what are they and why are they different?
2. Do you understand our need for God’s revelation? Why would we be lost and utterly lack the ability to have certainty without God’s revelation?
3. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. When we say the Bible is God’s **inspired,** written word, what do we mean by the word “inspired”?
4. How does the understanding of the Scriptures being “God breathed” help you to trust in God’s word?
5. Why does the secular argument that the Bible is “just like any other religious book” fall short in light of our teaching tonight?
6. What do we mean when we say, “Inspiration is a top-down revelation from God to us; it is not a bottom-up written declaration of what man thinks of God.”?
7. Read Isaiah 55:10-11 and Matthew 24:35. What does it mean that God’s written word is infallible?
8. What is inerrancy? Why do we claim that the Bible is inerrant “in the original manuscripts”?
9. Read Proverbs 30:5. How would you defend the faith against the argument that the Bible is outdated and therefore untrustworthy?
10. Why does the Bible have authority over our lives? What things have you been tempted to allow to be authoritative in your life (e.g. self-wisdom, culture, traditions, etc.)?
11. Why is it so vitally important that we hold Scripture to be the “objective” truth in our lives?
12. Do you live as if God has spoken and given His people this revelation—that is the Bible? Do you submit yourself to the only source of truth the world has—that is the Bible? Do you regularly look for some sign from God outside of the Bible rather than turning to the sufficient word God has revealed to you in the Bible? What practices in your life do you need to change and how can your table leader be praying for and walking with you?