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Section: Doctrine of the Word of God (Bibliology)

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q23. Who wrote the Bible?**

The Bible was written by chosen men who were taught and carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**Q24. Can we trust the Bible?**

Yes. The Bible is completely true and without error in its original manuscripts.

1. Read 2 Peter 1:16-21. What did Peter mean when he declared that men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit?
2. Regarding the 2 Peter passage, do you see Peter declaring the written word of God to be of greater surety than his experience on the mount of transfiguration? What can we know about Peter’s view of Scripture in comparison to personal experience from this passage?
3. Imagine someone has confronted you with this argument: “The authors never knew that what they wrote to individual churches would be considered God’s very word!” How would you respond? What Scripture could you go to for your defense (see handout notes)?
4. Read 2 Timothy 3:16. When Paul declares, “All Scripture is breathed out by God,” what does he mean by “breathed out”? What does he mean by “All Scripture” (graphē)?
5. Since the writers of Scripture were carried along by the Holy Spirit, and all Scripture is breathed out by God, can you be confident that the Scripture is the word of God? Why or why not?
6. What is the “Canon of Scripture,” and why does it matter that we have a canon?
7. What do we mean when we say, “The canon is first and foremost a theological issue”? Why does this reality matter in defending the faith?
8. Is the canon open or closed? Defend your answer with Scripture.
9. What implications about God would we make if we declared that His word was incomplete and we needed new revelation?
10. What important attributes about God help us to understand the attributes of God’s word?
11. Did you learn anything new about Scripture tonight, or do you have any questions in regards to what we taught tonight?