



# Doctrine Discussion Guide

## Week 2 | The Bible

What is the most consequential letter/email/text you ever received? What made it consequential?

*In this discussion guide we consider the Bible, given to us by God, as the most supremely consequential communication that we have received.*

### **Read the CF Statement of Belief (same as last week)**

**We believe in the Holy Bible as originally written by the Holy Spirit-controlled men. It is inerrant in every respect, infallible, and verbally and plenary inspired. We believe the Bible is complete, final, and authoritative revelation of God's Will and Word, therefore being the absolute authority for Christian union and the supreme standard by which all of human conduct, creeds, and opinions shall be tried. By Scriptures we mean the 39 books of the Old Testament and the 27 books of the New Testament always accepted by historical orthodox Christian churches.**

### **Theological Truths**

**Revelation** - God revealing Himself to us in any and all sorts of different ways so that we can have His revealed Word.

**Inspiration** - The process where God gets across to people that He's moving them along to communicate this message.

**Illumination** - God's Word lighting our path.

### **Questions for discussion**

- How has God revealed himself to you through nature? (general revelation)  
How did he first reveal himself to you through his Word? (special revelation)
- How is God's inspiration of Scripture different from the way we think about inspiration in our culture?
- *Psalm 119:105* "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." What would it look like to allow the Word to operate in this way in your life?

### **Passages for Study**

*2 Timothy 3:16-17*

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete,*

*equipped for every good work.*

- How does it change your attitude toward the Bible knowing that the whole of it is inspired and not just the New Testament?
- What is the significance of the inspiration of Scripture according to these verses? What is it intended to do in us?
- How does the combination of the human and divine authorship of the Bible keep us from glorifying the human authors or discounting what they say?

### *Hebrews 4:12*

*For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

- What does the Word do in our lives? How would you explain this verse in your own words?
- Why is this painful work of the Word important in your life?

### **Read the Big Idea:**

God has revealed himself to us authoritatively through his Word, and his Word is intended to change our lives.

- What doubts have you have dealt with about the Bible as God's authoritative Word? How did this lesson help you process those doubts?
- Talk about a time in which God's Word changed your life.
- What passage has God been using in your life in recent days?