

WEEK 1 | 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 | THE BIBLE IS INSPIRED

What are the various ways we use the word "inspiration" today?

What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 say are the origins and purposes of Scripture?

In the above passage, "inspired" (used in the New American Standard Bible) means "breathed out." How does this imagery help your understanding of how Scripture was formed?

Read the following passages. What was God's role in the authorship of the Bible? What was man's role in the authorship of the Bible?

- 2 Peter 1:19-21
- Luke 1:1-4
- Galatians 1:11-12

Why is your view of the inspiration of the Bible important?

How does your view of inspiration change or impact your faith?

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What was the most influential factor in forming your view of the Bible? How has it evolved over time?

How does this change or impact your view of the Bible?

How does your view of inspiration affect your effectiveness as a disciple?

How does the partnership between God and man in the forming of Scripture give more credit to its inspiration and authority? How could it possibly discredit it? How would you answer those who see man's role in the development of the Scriptures as their reason for it being inaccurate or fallible? If you don't know the answer to that, how can you research it and come up with a response? (Maybe consider taking the History & Development of the Bible course through the Merold Institute!)