

Foundations:
The Bible: Are You Obeying
Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Getting Started:

What do you remember hearing or believing about the Bible as you were growing up? Were you an “easy sell” or did you tend to be skeptical about its contents?

How committed are you to the following statement?

“Whenever there is a conflict between the way you feel and what the Bible says, or the way you’ve been taught and what the Bible says, or the opinions of others or what seems reasonable to you – whenever you have a difference of opinion with the Bible for any reason – THE BIBLE IS ALWAYS RIGHT!”

What, if anything, is causing you to doubt its authenticity and authority for your life?”

Share a story of a time when you struggled to: Trust in God’s Word above your feelings; Trust God’s Word above your opinions; or Trust God’s Word above your culture?

Digging Deeper:

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

What does the “word of God” refer to in this verse?

How is the word of God living and active in your life and in today’s culture?

The word of God is so powerful. What hinders you from reading it more? What holds you back from sharing it with people?

Share a time in your life when the word of God impacted or pierced your own life. What was the circumstance? How was the word of God active in that circumstance? What was the outcome?

Have you ever doubted whether or not the Bible is true? What was the circumstance and what did you do with your doubt?

Read 2 Timothy 3:10-17

As you read this text what stands out to you? What phrase or words hit you?

Timothy knew the Scriptures from infancy. What Scriptures is Paul referring to?

We no longer have the original manuscripts of Scripture – we only have copies that were carefully written down. Why didn’t God allow us to have the original rather than relying on a number of copies? If God is behind the Bible, why do you think He hasn’t eliminated all possible areas of confusion?

What does it mean that Scripture is “God-breathed”? How would you describe this phrase to a friend who thinks the Bible is just a good book?

What is troublesome to people about believing the Bible? Is it that it is the sole written authority from God and that it is superior to all other religious books?

What difference does the truth, “the Bible is God-breathed,” make in your daily life?