

2/25/18: Foundations Week 4 - Doctrine of the Bible -- Group Discussion Questions

Remember!! These are suggestions! Tailor this to the personality of your Group...

Welcome & Intro: High/Low: Have everyone share a high and a low from their week.

Intro Questions:

- From the Foundations: 260 Day Reading Plan: what's something that stood out to you this week?

Listeners' Guide: *Be sure to take notes so you will be fully engaged and ready to participate in your brief time of discussion after the teaching!* Pastor Bobby addresses 3 main questions in his teaching about the Doctrine of the Bible. Make note of key points or scripture references that stand out to you from his answers to each question:

- How do I know I can trust the Bible theologically?

- How do I know I can I trust the Bible practically?

- If I can trust the Bible, what can/should I do with the Bible on a daily basis?

Video Response Discussion (*Remember: CHOOSE ONLY those that fit your Group!*)

- What are some things from Pastor Bobby's teaching that stood out to you?
- Pastor Bobby repeated the phrase "God wrote a book" throughout his teaching. Why did he emphasize this phrase? What did he say our reaction should be to that truth? How often do you find yourself reacting that way when you consider or read the Bible?
- How does Pastor Bobby's distinction between inerrancy and authenticity affect your understanding of the discrepancies found in our current copies of the Bible? Are you comfortable with your understanding of the authenticity of the Bible, or are you left with questions you feel you need to explore further? (*Leaders, if group members seem interested in further study, direct them to the attached reading list.*)
- Pastor Bobby closed his teaching with the statement that the Bible is necessary. Why is the Bible necessary/essential? How do we sometimes treat the Bible as a non-essential in our day to day lives?
- Pastor Bobby explained the acronym REAP as a method for studying scripture. Have a group member explain what each letter in the acronym stands for. What methods have helped you engage with God's word?
- This week, how can you respond personally to the truth that Scripture is God-breathed and the Holy Spirit continues to reveal God to people within its pages? Pray for each other, that God would increase our love for his Word and desire to be in his Word daily, and that we would be open to receiving instruction from the Holy Spirit as we read.

Break for smaller group Prayer:

- Have everyone take a moment for silent reflection on the group conversation. *What does God most want me to learn, what action is God calling me to take?*
- Share reflection responses - and then personal prayer requests
- Pray for each other's requests AND the actions to which God is calling them.

Further Reading on the Bible

- DesiringGod.com
 - <https://www.desiringgod.org/topics/inspiration-and-inerrancy-of-the-bible/all>
 - "God Wrote a Book" by John Piper
 - "Beautifully True: How We Can Know the Bible is True" by John Piper
 - Additional Essays
- Christian Theology "Theology and Critical Study of the Bible" by Millard J. Erickson
- Systematic Theology: An Introduction to Biblical Doctrine "Part 1: The Doctrine of the Word of God" by Wayne Grudem
- The Divine Authenticity of Scripture by A.T.B. McGowan
- Can We Still Believe the Bible? by Craig L. Blomberg