

STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- ❖ When was the last time God spoke to you about something? What was that like? Describe it. What are the benefits that come from listening to God's voice?
- ❖ In the process of growing in the Christian life and deepening your relationship with God, how much emphasis have you placed on reading the Bible itself and how much on reading other books? How is the Bible unique from other books?
- ❖ Why is God's Written Word so important for your growth and relationship with God?
- ❖ Read 1 Corinthians 14:37 below...

If anyone thinks that he is a prophet, or spiritual, he should acknowledge that the things I am writing to you are a command of the Lord. (ESV)

Consider the authority that the Apostle Paul ascribed to his own writing. How does this affect your view of scriptural authority?

- ❖ Read these two scriptures...

Psalm 12:6 (ESV)

The words of the Lord are pure words, like silver refined in a furnace on the ground, purified seven times.

Proverbs 30:5 (ESV)

Every word of God proves true; he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

What do these two scriptures say about the character of God's Words?

FOUNDATIONS

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"The God Who Communicates"

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (ESV) Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord."

1. God's _____

Psalms 33:6 (KJV) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV) And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Hebrews 1:1 (ESV) Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets.

2. God's _____

Exodus 31:18 (KJV) And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

Isaiah 30:8 (ESV) And now, go, write it before them on a tablet and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come as a witness forever.

Luke 3:15-17 (CEV) Everyone became excited and wondered, "Could John be the Messiah?" John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and he is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in his barn and burn the husks with a fire that never goes out."

2 Peter 3:2 (ESV) That you should remember the predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles.

* **Rest on** _____.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV) 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 competent, equipped for every good work.

* **Camp on** _____.

Luke 24:25,27 (ESV) And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!...And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

* **Yield Yourself to** _____.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 (ESV) And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

3. God's _____

John 1:1-2, 14 (ESV) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Hebrews 1:1-2 (ESV) Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Colossians 1:15, 16-20 (ESV) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Bible Versions used: KJV–King James; ESV–English Standard; Darby – Darby's Translation; CEV–Contemporary English Version

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