



# The Grove

BIBLE CHAPEL

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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 02.04.24 Pulpit Curriculum

## God Wrote a Book: All Scripture is Breathed Out by God

Main Passage: 2 Tim 3:16

- 1) All Scripture: The value of the writings: The Bible should be the sole and exclusive authority in our lives, and all other sources should be evaluated by Scripture. God has put His revelation in written form, and blessed us with a holy book. The dialogue you have with a written text is different than what you have with a screen/audio; reading and writing is encouraged in your dialogue with the Word from God.

### Value of the Scripture

1. Independent of Orator's Memory
  2. Verifiable
  3. Groups the Message Together (2 Tim 2:11)
  4. Copyable
  5. Transportable
  6. Makes Everyone without excuse
  7. An objective point of consideration
  8. Can have a beginning and end
  9. Very Definite Words (Versus Stories and Lessons)
- A. How are you encouraged by the value of Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Describe your regular engagement with God's sacred writings. \_\_\_\_\_
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- C. How does your time with God's Word compare to time spent with other authoritative sources in your life? How can you grow in your communion with God through His Word? \_\_\_\_\_
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- 2) Breathed out by God: The Inspiration of Scripture: The word was breathed out by God, not that God breathed into the words. The source of scripture is not produced by the will of man, but through men moved by the Holy Spirit (2 Pet 1:21; Matt 4:4, Matt 1:22; Matt 22:31 (Ex3:6), Psalm 119:102, Heb 3:7, Is 40:5 Is 55:18; Mic 4:4, Jer 9:12, 2 Sam 23:2, Jer 1:9, Ez 2:7, Acts 1:16, Luke 1:70).

Theopneustos (Θεόπνευστος) The Inspiration of God – God's authoritative and perfect self-revelation written through the Holy Spirit by human writers.



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D. Describe the inspiration of scripture in your own words. \_\_\_\_\_

3) The Doctrine of Inspiration Detailed:

Verbal Inspiration: The parts of scripture, throughout the whole (words, punctuation, grammar, every jot and tittle) are the perfect word of God (Matt 5:17-19)

Plenary Inspiration: The whole of Scripture in every part, is the perfect word of God.

E. What are some implications of verbal and plenary inspiration of the word of God? \_\_\_\_\_

4) The Significance of Inspiration – The Divine Scriptures: The scriptures carry with it the very nature and character revealing the very mind and purpose of God (Titus 1:2; Heb 6:18; Num 23:19; 2 Tim 2:11). Pluralism says that there are multiple ways to God, and is a difficulty because it feels good to the flesh, but is not true and it robs the authority of God's word. God desires you to know Him, for every ear willing to hear His word. The whole Bible is inspired by God (Inerrant, Infallible, Authoritative, Effective)

F. Why is this meaningful? How is the significance of inspiration an encouragement to your walk in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_

G. What is something you are thrilled/joyful about or troubled about (grieved, unsure)? What does God's word say about that? \_\_\_\_\_

5) The Problem of People Claiming that God Spoke to Them: Knowing, listening to, and responding to God's Word is the single greatest factor in your spiritual vitality. We must be weary and mindful of claims of people that say they heard from or speaking from God, wrongfully adding to the word of God. When we hold the thunder of God's word, we should not exchange it for whispers of dubious claims. (Ps 29:3). Our appetite for emotional and psychological satisfaction needs to be subject to and tested according to scripture.

H. How can we lovingly engage a loved one that is hungry to hear from God apart from His word? \_\_\_\_\_

I. How can we scrutinize and humbly reprove someone if they claim to speak for God? \_\_\_\_\_