

Study Worksheet: The Word of God - Our Foundation

Key Scriptures:

- 2 Tim 3:16-17: "All Scripture is inspired by God..."
 - Heb 4:12: "For the word of God is living and active..."
 - Ps 19:7-11: "The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul..."
 - 2 Pet 1:3-4: "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness..."
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Introduction

- **Illustration:** Reflect on Matthew 7:24-27 (building on the rock versus sand). What happens when a life is built on unstable foundations? How does this relate to the Word of God in your life?

- **NOTES:** _____

- **Reflection & Application:**

1. Why do you think the Bible is essential as a foundation for the Christian life?

Lesson Outline

1. The Inspiration of Scripture

- **Key Text:** 2 Tim 3:16-17
- **What It Teaches:**
 - Scripture is "God-breathed" (theopneustos)—originating from God Himself.
 - It is authoritative for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness.

- **NOTES:** _____

- **Reflection & Application:**

- How does understanding the divine inspiration of Scripture strengthen your trust in the Bible? _____

- Share examples of how Scripture has guided you in life. _____

2. The Inerrancy & Infallibility of Scripture

- **Key Text:** Ps 19:7-11

- **What It Teaches:**

- God's Word is "perfect," "sure," and "true."
- It is free from error (inerrancy) because it reflects the character of God, who cannot lie or err.
- It cannot fail to accomplish God's purposes (infallibility), as it restores the soul, makes wise the simple, and rejoices the heart.

- **NOTES:** _____

- **Reflection & Application:**

- What does it mean to you that the Bible is both without error and incapable of failing? _____

- Write down a promise from Scripture that you have experienced as reliable and life-changing. _____

- How does trusting the inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture build confidence in your faith? _____

3. The Authority of Scripture

- **Key Text:** Heb 4:12
- **What It Teaches:**
 - The Word of God is living, active, and discerning.
 - Scripture serves as the final authority for faith and life.

- **NOTES:** _____

- **Reflection & Application:**
 - Are there areas in your life where you resist submitting to God's Word? Why?

 - What practical steps can you take to align your life with the authority of Scripture?

4. The Sufficiency of Scripture

- **Key Text:** 2 Pet 1:3-4
- **What It Teaches:**
 - "His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness."
 - Scripture provides all we need for salvation, sanctification, and living a godly life.
- **Reflection & Application:**
 - How does trusting in the sufficiency of Scripture shape your response to challenges or decisions in life? _____

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- Share examples of times when Scripture alone provided the guidance or encouragement you needed. _____
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Summary

- **Core Doctrines:**
 1. **Inspiration:** The Bible is God’s Word.
 2. **Inerrancy and Infallibility:** The Bible is free from error and cannot fail in what it declares.
 3. **Authority:** The Bible is the ultimate guide for life.
 4. **Sufficiency:** The Bible is all we need for faith and godliness.
 - **Challenge:** Commit to a daily Scripture reading plan this week. Reflect on how God’s Word speaks to your circumstances.
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Discussion Questions

1. Why is it important to believe that the Bible is “God-breathed”?
 2. How does trusting the inerrancy and infallibility of Scripture give you confidence in God’s promises?
 3. How would you explain the reliability of Scripture to someone who doubts its accuracy?
 4. What habits can help you grow in submission to the authority of Scripture?
 5. How does trusting the sufficiency of Scripture bring peace in uncertain situations?
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