

Discussion Notes
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Biblia: Part 1
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Biblia is a series wherein we consider the Bible's position and application in our lives. It's a time where we'll refocus on the importance of the Scriptures.

Revelation

- In nature we have general revelation. The Bible is the specific revelation of God.
- 2 Timothy 3.16 – all Scripture is “God breathed” or God inspired.
- It is in the Bible we find a clear revelation of God's character and action throughout history.

Inspired / Infallible

- Though not physically penned by God it was inspired by God though accurate human writers.
- It is an authentic expression of the human heart, anchored in God's truth.
- 2 Tim 3.16 says *all* Scripture is inspired. This means we don't need to take away or add to the Bible. It is reliable.

Authority

- Isaiah 55.8 – God's thoughts are not our thoughts and ways are not our ways. God is unique in holiness and perfection.
- Because of the revelation and inspiration the Bible has authority in our lives.
- This authority requires our submission. The Bible should carry the most merit and have the weightiest voice in our lives.

Sufficient

- Ecclesiastes 3.14
- Though other resources, especially biblically based ones, are helpful the Bible is sufficient to bring us hope and guidance.
- The Bible isn't topical (we won't find every topic under the sun in it) but it is a comprehensive guide to life, morality and how to relate to God and others.
- Again, there is no need to add to or subtract from the Bible. If others are doing these we would be wise to abstain from their teaching or lessons.

Illumination

- The Bible is used by the Spirit to illuminate life. The Spirit directs, convicts, comforts and challenges us through it.
- 1 John 2.27
- The Spirit is our reading partner as we study the Bible.
- John 8.31

- Matthew 4.4 – The Bible is our spiritual sustenance. Without it we are malnourished.

In closing

Doug challenged us to take the next seven days to read the Bible for ten minutes daily. This concentrated time is meant to help grow our hunger for the Bible. If we're not already interacting with the Bible daily this is a great place to start!

Discussion Questions

- What did you find interesting, challenging or comforting about what Doug had to share?
- What is your favorite Bible story or character? Why?
- How do you feel the Bible should be interacted with on a daily basis? How do you interact with it?
- What has God done through the Bible in your life? Any cool stories?
- Do you have any good tips or encouragement to share for others who are trying to get into the Bible more passionately and consistently?