



Bedrock

Foundations of Faith

Session 1

THE INSPIRED, INERRANT, INFALLIBLE WORD

Scripture Focus

Deut. 30:15, 16; Matt. 5:17, 18; John 17:17; 1 Cor. 2:12, 13; Gal. 3:16; 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; Titus 1:2; 2 Pet. 1:2–4, 20, 21

BuildUP Theme LEARN DOCTRINE

God communicated His exact words through inspiration so that the Bible is inerrant and infallible.

Memory Verse

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). ESV

Session Summary

“Inspiration” means “God-breathed” (2 Tim. 3:16). The Spirit superintended human authors so that they wrote without error God’s revealed words (2 Pet. 1:20, 21). The Scriptures are God’s own words of truth. The writings reflect the authority of His words.

Inspiration applies to the writers’ original autographs. The term “autographs” refers to the original manuscripts of the Bible books. The apostle Paul acknowledged that what he wrote came from the Spirit and was thus inspired (1 Cor. 2:12, 13).

Because the original autographs are inspired, they must be inerrant and infallible. Biblical inerrancy means the Bible is free from error and that it speaks the truth whether it addresses doctrine, ethics, or history. It was impossible for the writers to record an error of any kind as they penned the Scriptures because they were under the Holy Spirit’s guidance (2 Tim. 3:16). That impossibility of error is what is meant by the term “infallible.”

After the autographs were penned, God used careful copyists over the centuries to preserve His Word. Our Bibles today are reliable and accurate. The variations seen in the thousands of ancient manuscripts available today are inconsequential. They all affirm the Bible’s doctrines.

Measuring Growth

Look for the following indicators that your child trusts God’s Word is inspired, inerrant, and infallible.

1. My student regularly reads and studies God’s Word.
2. My student recognizes the important place of God’s Word in his or her life.
3. My student memorizes and shares God’s Word.

Additional Verses

John 17:17; 2 Timothy 3:17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21.