



INTERACTIVE FAITH

AN ONLINE BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Part 2: Basic Assumptions needed to understand the Scriptures correctly

- We believe that the Bible **inspired** by God
 - 2 Peter 1:21 *“Prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”*
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 *“All Scripture is God-breathed.”*
 - 2 Samuel 23:2 *“The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his Word was on my tongue.”*
 - 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 *“This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit.”*

Definition of “inspiration”: _____

- **“Plenary verbal inspiration”**
 - “Plenary” means _____
 - “Verbal” emphasizes _____
 - Inspiration is not: a: _____
 - Inspiration is not” b: _____
- The **process** of inspiration: How did God inspire the human writers
 - By a: _____
 - By b: _____
 - By c: _____
 - **Not by** _____

- We believe that the Bible is **inerrant**
 - Definition: _____
 - In what areas? _____
- We believe that the Bible is **infallible**
 - Definition: _____

DISCUSSION

1. Why is the verbal inspiration and inerrancy of the Scriptures such an important doctrine?
2. The reality is that those who believe in the inerrancy of the Bible are a minority among Christians. Why should we not let that discourage us? How might we interact with Christians who do not share that conviction?
3. What should be our response when science seems “prove” that the Bible is incorrect?
4. What should be our approach when the Bible seems to contradict itself?

- We believe that the Bible is **practical**
 - Definition: _____
- We believe that the Bible is **relevant**
 - Definition: _____
 - _____
- We believe the Bible is **powerful**
 - To do what? _____
- We believe that the Bible is **understandable**
- We know that we are **sinner**s and that part of us will resist what God says
- We know that we are **believers** who will want to read, hear, learn, and know his Word

DISCUSSION

1. How would you answer someone who says that the things taught in the Bible were only the reflection of thoughts and ideas of a different time and culture but are not applicable to today's modern world?
2. We say that the Bible is *practical*. Does that mean that we will find specific answers to all of our questions, situations, and decisions? Explain.
3. We believe in the power of God's Word to change hearts. What does that say to us when we are confronted with deep and vexing problems in our society such as drugs, violence, abortion, or the disregard for the biblical definition of marriage?