

## Lesson 2: The Origin and Nature of the Bible

### KEY ASPECTS:

- 1) Our understanding of the origin and nature of scripture determines the way we read and treat it.
- 2) The Holy Spirit empowered the writers to reliably share God's revelation, unveiling of Himself.

**Sun:** We can trust the divine origin of scripture. It is an authentic, reliable record of history and God's acts in history (2 Peter 1:16)

**Mon:** God chooses who He inspires. (Deuteronomy 18:18)

- "The truths revealed are all 'given by inspiration of God' (2 Tim. 3:16); yet they are expressed in the words of men." (*The Great Controversy*, 7)

**Tue:** Written Word helpful for:

- To confirm spoken word (Exodus 24:4-8) → Affirming adherence to the Covenant
- Remembrance and affirmation (Joshua 24:26) → Covenant at Shechem
- To share with others (Revelation 1:11) → John to the churches in Asia Minor

**Wed:** Jesus is the Word of God made flesh (John 1:14)

- Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of a woman.
- Bible inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by humans.

**Thu:** Through faith we gain understanding (Hebrews 11:3).

**Fri:** Through the Holy Spirit guidance, we gain a better understanding of God and His character as we study scripture. (1 Corinthians 2:9-16; John 16:13-15) The truths of scripture transcend time and culture, to bring meaning and power for us today.

### GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM FRIDAY:

- 1) What would happen if we came to distrust the divine origin of scripture? (1 Peter 1:16-21)
- 2) Why must Scripture be foundational to our faith? (Hebrews 11:1-6)
  - a. Without it, where would we be?
- 3) Why is faith so essential in understanding God and His Word?
- 4) How does the Holy Spirit guide your understanding of scripture?
- 5) How has the Holy Spirit's guidance impacted your faith?
- 6) When people observe you, what kind of God do they see in you and through your behavior?