



BIBLE BASICS  
**ACADEMY**

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INSPIRATION

# GOD'S WORD

## 102: INSPIRATION

When Christians state that the Bible is inspired, they do not mean that it is “inspiring.” Although the Bible does inspire people to live better lives, that is not the doctrine of biblical inspiration. Biblical inspiration is the teaching that God directly gave his word to individuals throughout time and in specific ways (Heb. 1:1–3). The Bible is “inspired” because it is breathed out by God and is profitable for Christian living.

**Memory Verses:** 2 Tim. 3:16–17; 2 Pet. 1:19–21; Heb. 1:1–3

### Key Points

- Inspiration - God’s use of individuals—their personalities, writing styles, and abilities—to produce his word.
- Paul uses a specific word in 2 Timothy 3:16–17 (i.e., “God Breathed”) to describe the origin and nature of Scripture.
- The books are not authoritative because the church recognized them; rather, the church recognized them because they are authoritative.
- God’s self-disclosure through nature is general revelation, and special revelation is his self-disclosure through his word.
- The Bible does not tell us everything about God, but it does tell us what we need to know about him.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think God gave us 66 books by 40 different authors over 1600 years?
2. Why do people reject the Bible as God’s inspired word?
3. Why is it essential to defend the Bible’s unique origin?

**CHAIN REFERENCE**

-2 Timothy 3:16-17

-2 Peter 1:19-21

-1 Corinthians 2:11-13

-Romans 15:4

-Luke 24:27

-2 Peter 3:15-16

-John 16:12-15

-1 Corinthians 14:36-37

-1 Thessalonians 2:13

-John 17:17





