



WEEK 2

1ST SEMESTER · FOUNDATION & IDENTITY

Handout – Divine Authority of God's Word

God's Word is True and Enough

SPIRITUAL THEME

The Authority of the Bible

PERSONAL THEME

Honesty – living in truth and transparency

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The Bible is God's special book for us. We can trust it completely. It tells us everything we need to know to follow Jesus.

Here are four simple truths about the Bible.

1. Where the Bible Comes From: God Spoke It

*"All Scripture is **God-breathed** and is useful for teaching... so that the servant of God may be completely equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16)*

The Bible comes from God. He "breathed" it out. It is His own message. Because it is from God, it has power. It teaches us how to live and gives us **everything we need** to serve Him.

2. How We Got the Bible: God Guided Men

*"...prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were **carried along by the Holy Spirit**." (2 Peter 1:21)*

God used men to write down His words. But the words were not their own ideas. The Holy Spirit guided them to write God's exact message. So we can trust the Bible to be **100% God's Word**.

3. What the Bible Does: It is Alive!

*"For the word of God is **alive and active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)*

The Bible is not a normal, dead book. It is living and powerful because it comes from the living God. When we read it, it acts like a sharp sword. It goes deep into our hearts and shows us what we are really like inside. It helps us see sin and find truth.

4. Why God Gave Us the Bible: To Make Us Holy

*[Jesus prayed] "**Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.**" (John 17:17)*

"To sanctify" means to make someone holy, or special for God. This was Jesus' prayer for us. He asked God to use the Bible to change us. The Bible's final purpose is to clean our hearts and make us more like Jesus.



What Should We Do?

- **Read It.** Listen to God's message for you every day.
- **Believe It.** Trust that it is God's true word.
- **Obey It.** Do what God says in His Word.
- **Let It Change You.** Ask God to use His Word to make your heart new.