

Core Christianity
Session 4: God Speaks

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READ: 2 Timothy 3:10–17

ASK: What makes the Bible unique and unlike other books you have encountered?

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LESSON:

God still speaks to us today, but it's not in the way that usually makes the news headlines and sells books. From Genesis to Revelation, God proclaims his son Jesus the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). We can understand God's speech from three angles.

God speaks today through the Bible.

The Bible is inspired by God.

The Bible is authoritative.

The Bible is inerrant.

The Bible is clear in its message.

The Bible is sufficient.

The Bible is necessary.

God speaks through the preaching of His Word.

Exposition:

Application:

God speaks law and gospel.

The Law:

The Gospel:

8 Questions to Help You Understand and Apply the Bible

Interpretation questions:

- What do I learn about God?
- What do I learn about people?
- What do I learn about relating to God?
- What do I learn about relating to others?

Application questions:

- What does God want me to understand/think?
- What does God want me to believe?
- What does God want me to desire?
- What does God want me to do?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1 . The Bible is inerrant and inspired, but our interpretations are not. Yet, whenever we read the Bible, we must interpret it. How should this bring humility to our reading the Bible?

2 . Even though we are not saved by the law, we must still seek to glorify God in keeping the law. How does knowing that you're saved by grace inspire you still to do good works? What are some good works that are easy to overlook either because they are too ordinary or because they are challenging?

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

1 . Find one passage in this study about the Bible's authority. What are some ways in your church and in your own devotional life that the Bible is honored as the Word of God?

2 . Through the Bible, God speaks a powerful message of grace. What are some key passages about the gospel that you know? What do these teach you about God?

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