



# The Book God Breathed

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*We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and that they only constitute the Divine rule of Christian faith and practice.*

1. Go around the group. Finish the sentence: 'Hi, my name is . . . .  
. . . and I am a . . . . .'

2. Was there one thing in the talk which you found interesting or helpful?

3. JI Packer said:

*Revelation is not the same thing as discovery, or the dawning of an insight, or the emerging of a bright idea. Revelation does not mean humanity finding God, but God finding humanity. It is God sharing his secrets with us, God showing us himself.*

How do you feel about that?

4. *In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets many times and in many different ways. But now in these last days God has spoken to us through his Son. God has chosen his Son to own all things, and through him he made the world. The Son reflects the glory of God and shows exactly what God is like (Hebrews 1:1-3).*

If you had to explain that to someone simply, what might you say?

5. Luke said he investigated before he wrote his Gospel.

*Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honourable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught (Luke 1:2-4 NLT).*

If the Bible had thoughtful human authors like Luke, who were guided by the Holy Spirit, what difference does that make? What does it tell us about how to get the meaning of a passage?

6. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says:

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

What does that say to you about how the place scripture can have in our lives?