

## Basics of the Faith – What do we believe about Scripture?

### Questions to discuss

- Outside of the special revelation we have in the Bible: how do we know what God is like? Can we rely upon what we experience of God? Can we rely on what someone else teaches us about God? What dangers are there in relying on our own thoughts and conclusions about God?
- How would you explain what you understand by the 'inspiration of scripture'?
- How do you understand the Bible in relation to other religious writings?
- Share a time when you believe you heard God Speak to you through the Bible, or in another way.
- Share some of your favourite scriptures with the group. Scripture tells 'our family story'. What connects you with the narrative of scripture?
- How should we read Scripture? Discuss some of the joys and struggle which exists in reading the Bible?
- What scripture reading habits do people find helpful?

### For Bible study

Read Genesis 1:26-31 & Genesis 2:4-7 & 14-25

What similarities and differences do you see in these accounts? What do you see as the main point of each narrative?

Scriptures to refer to – 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Hebrews 1:1-4, 1 Peter 1 10-12, 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Prayer give thanks that God can be known and that this God is one who still communicates with people.

Recommended Resources.

Tom Wright Simply Christian. Chapter 13 - The Book God Breathed.

2 books by Gordon Fee & Douglas Stuart

How to read the Bible for all its worth.

How to read the Bible book by Book.