

# God Wrote a Book: The Bible is Authoritative

## Opening Discussion

1. How does our culture feel about authority? How do you feel about authority?
2. Who has authority over you?
3. Are there any authorities over you that you don't like?
4. What is the difference between humans in places of authority and the authority of God's Word?

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.  
**Isaiah 40:8**

"The authority of Scripture means that all the words in Scripture are God's words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God." Wayne Grudem

### 1. The Bible is God's Word.

- Inerrancy: Because God cannot lie, the Bible does not contain any errors.
- Infallibility: Because God will never fail, the Bible will never fail.
- Authority: Because God has final and ultimate authority, the Bible has final and ultimate authority.

### 2. The Bible commands obedience to God's Word.

Commands to obey the Word of God in the Law:

Exodus 16:28, 19:5, 20:6, 34:11

Leviticus 18:4, 18:5, 18:26, 19:19, 19:30, 19:37, 20:8, 20:22, 22:9, 22:31, 25:18, 26:3

Deuteronomy 4:2, 4:6, 4:40, 5:1, 5:10, 5:29, 5:32, 6:2, 6:3, 6:17, 6:25, 7:9, 7:11, 7:12, 8:1, 8:2, 8:6, 8:11, 10:13, 11:1, 11:8, 11:22, 11:32, 12:1, 12:28, 12:32, 13:4, 13:18, 15:5, 16:12, 17:19, 19:9, 26:16, 26:17, 26:18, 27:1, 28:1, 28:9, 28:13, 28:15, 28:45, 28:58, 29:9, 30:10, 30:16, 31:12, 32:46,

Joshua 1:7, 1:8, 22:2, 22:5, 23:6

1 Kings 2:3, 6:12, 8:58, 8:61, 9:4, 9:6, 11:10, 11:11, 11:34, 11:38, 13:21, 14:8,

2 Kings 10:31, 21:8

Ezekiel 20:19, 36:27, 37:24

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. **Leviticus 18:4-5**

Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you. **Leviticus 20:8**

If you love me, you will keep my commandments. **John 14:15**

If anyone does not obey what we say in this letter, take note of that person, and have nothing to do with him, that he may be ashamed. **2 Thessalonians 3:14**

**3. Because no one else has the same authority as God, nothing else has the same authority as God's Word.**

You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. **Deuteronomy 4:2**

**4. The Bible is the final authority in all matters of faith and practice.**

“The Bible reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried.”  
Baptist Faith and Message 2000, Article 1, the Scriptures

Human conduct

Creeds

Religious opinions