



Discussion Questions

- When you were first taught about the Bible, what were you told about where it came from and how it should be read? How has that shaped the way you engage Scripture now?
- How do you respond to the idea that some Christians believe God dictated every word of the Bible word-for-word? Does that feel comforting, confusing, or something else?
- What are the strengths of the Verbal Dictation view? In what ways might it help someone grow in reverence and trust for Scripture?
- What challenges or questions come up when we read passages that don't seem to fit a word-perfect model—like Paul saying “I, not the Lord...” or the differing accounts of the same event in the Gospels?
- Have you ever wrestled with a part of the Bible that felt “unlike Jesus”? What did you do with that tension?
- The sermon warned against two extremes: blind certainty and quiet detachment. Which one are you more prone to fall into—and why?
- What do you think it means to “wrestle with Scripture in order to find Jesus”? Can you share a time you experienced that?
- In your own life, has holding tightly to a certain view of Scripture ever become a barrier to trust in God? What helped you navigate that?
- The sermon said, “Maybe the goal isn't to master the Bible—but to be mastered by the One who speaks through it.” What would change in your spiritual life if that became your mindset?
- This week, what would it look like for you to approach the Bible not just for information, but for formation? What specific posture or practice could help with that?