



Discussion Questions

- Share what your perspective or experience was regarding the Bible when you were growing up?
- We talked about the challenge of those Bible passages that we personally find difficult to "stomach" or confusing or tough. What are some specific Bible stories, verses, or commands that are this way for you? What has your response typically been?
- **As a group, read Psalm 19:7-13.** This passage talks about the trustworthiness and value of the Lord's commands. What do you notice in this passage? Discuss with your group the questions that come up as you read. Has anything changed in how you interpret this passage after learning about Verbal Plenary Inspiration? (Reminder: Verbal Plenary inspiration holds that every word in all the parts of Scripture is inspired by God, and that He superintended those words through specific, chosen authors that He knew would communicate these truths as He intended.)
- One criticism of this view is that even if the original manuscript was error-free, with each word exactly as God intended through the writers, we no longer have those original manuscripts. Our Bible today is translated many times over and copied (or even conveyed through oral tradition). Talk about this tension that is present in this view of the Bible. Share why this impacts or doesn't impact the Bible's trustworthiness in your perspective.
- If you were to fully embrace Verbal Plenary Inspiration, how would it change your approach to reading the Bible? Would you read with more precision, more humility, or more confidence?
- We talked about some ways that this view can form us spiritually, even as we "embrace" the not-so-easy parts of Scripture. Share which of these impacts resonate with you and what next steps might you take to further experience these:
 - Deeper Trust
 - Growth through perseverance
 - Broader understanding of God's character and plan
 - Submission to God's authority