

# The Bible (wk 2)



Application questions taken for Wayne Grudem "Systematic Theology"

## STARTER

- What is the very first Bible you remember getting?

## EXPLORE

- **What is the meaning of inerrancy?** (2 Sam 7:28, Titus 1:2, Heb 6:18)
- Also explore (Num 23:19, Pss 12:6, 119:89, Prov 30:5, Matt 24:35)
- Why can the Bible be inerrant and yet still speak in the ordinary language of everyday speech?
- Why can the Bible be inerrant and still include loose or free quotations?
- What makes the Bible the only authoritative for "faith and practice"?
- What would be the problem with denying inerrancy?

## APPLY

- Why do you think the debate about inerrancy has become such a large issue in this century?
- Why do people on both sides of the question think it to be important?
- If you thought there were some small errors affirmed by Scripture, how do you think that would affect the way you read Scripture?
- Would it affect your concern for truthfulness in everyday conversation?
- Do you know of any Scripture texts that seem to contain errors? What are they? Have you tried to resolve the difficulties in those texts? If you have not found a solution to some text, what further steps might you try?
- As Christians go through life learning to know their Bibles better and growing in Christian maturity, do they tend to trust the Bible more or less?
- If you are convinced that the Bible teaches the doctrine of inerrancy, how do you feel about it? Are you glad that such a teaching is there, or do you feel it to be something of a burden which you would rather not have to defend?
- Does belief in inerrancy guarantee sound doctrine and a sound Christian life? How can Jehovah's Witnesses say that the Bible is inerrant while they themselves have so many false teachings?
- How could pride in correct doctrine become a problem? What is the solution?
- Do you think inerrancy is an important issue for the future of the church?

## PRAYER