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| 21-09-2025  |  | The inspired Bible  |  |
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| <div><br/>Start</div>        | <div><input type="checkbox"/> What inspired you this week?</div>   |   |  |
| <div><br/>Discuss</div>      | <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> When (if ever) have you been inspired by the Bible? What was the verse/ passage?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> When (if ever) have you felt the Bible ‘come alive’ to you?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Who wrote the book, <i>Spare</i>? It’s about Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, and his life growing up as a ‘royal’. And yet, the book was actually penned by ghost-writer, J. R. Moehringer.</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Who wrote the Bible: people or God?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> How do you deal with the bits of the Bible you find difficult?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Mark Twain said, <i>"It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand."</i> Discuss!</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Should what Moses said carry as much weight as what Jesus said?</div></div>  |   |  |
| <div><br/>Read</div>        | <div>2 Timothy 3:14-17</div>   | <div><br/>Listen again</div> | <div><a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a><br/><a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks</a></div> |
| <div><br/>Explore</div>    | <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.10: Why did Paul’s teaching carry authority?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.11: Why did Paul face such opposition?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.12: We like to claim God’s promises e.g. 2 Corinthians 1:20; Psalm 34:10; Isaiah 26:3; Jeremiah 29:11. What about claiming <i>this</i> one?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.13: How might Christianity still being distorted/ misused today for political agendas? Is it appropriate for anti-immigration protestors to carry the Cross/ say the Lord’s prayer/ dress-up as Crusaders?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.14-15: What Scriptures was Paul referring to? How do they only make sense with/ through Jesus?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.16: What Scripture might Paul have been referring to when he said, <i>“All Scripture is..”</i>? What does breath indicate? What does ‘God-breathed’ mean?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> The OT, includes some appalling acts of violence and cruelty. Read 1 Samuel 15:3. Is God really into killing children and babies? Is this compatible with Jesus, the ‘image of the invisible God’ (Col.1:15)? How do we explain this? How can we learn from even the ‘bad stuff’?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> v.17: How does the Bible equip us? For what?</div></div> |   |  |
| <div><br/>Go further</div> | <div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Does accepting the whole of Scripture – every word, sentence – mean every word/ sentence is precisely as God <i>dictated</i>?</div><div><input type="checkbox"/> Or is the Bible rather an inspired partnership between God and the 40+ writers, giving us an accurate picture of how successive generations gradually</div></div>  |   |  |

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|  | <p>came to understand who God is, what God is like, and what God wants for/ expects from us?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> If Jesus is THE Word of God (John 1:1-2) and is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), how do <i>YOU</i> understand some of differences in tone/ approach between the Old Testament and New Testament? How do <i>YOU</i> explain some of difficulties/ contradictions within the Bible?</p> |
| <br>Reflect       | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</p>   |
| <br>Do            | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Get creative with God. Write a short journal entry/ paint a picture and, as you do, ask God to work with you. What might God be saying to you through your creativity?</p>  |
| <br>Pray          | <p>Almighty God,<br/>           Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Give me understanding of Your Way, Truth and Life. Help me to live what I read. Amen</p>   |
| <br>My questions: |   |

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