

	<p>STUDY GUIDE for the week of October 26, 2008</p>	<p>BSOD - Error! Error! Blue Screen of Death! Brad Watson</p>
		<p>Who can discern his errors? Forgive my hidden faults. Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression. Psalm 19:12, 13</p>

OPEN IN PRAYER

A TIME OF WORSHIP (Optional) - You may want to sing a hymn or chorus.

INTRODUCTION

The Bible claims to be the authoritative Word of God without error. Yet at some point in a Christ-follower's life, that faith claim will most likely be tested or at least questioned. Sometimes even a casual reading of the Bible raises so-called discrepancies and alleged errors. How does a Christ-follower respond when their claim or understanding of the Bible as the Word of God is challenged?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Begin by reading Luke 7:18-23

1. Describe a time in your life when your faith was tested? What events lead to this? Can you remember a time really wrestling with whether the Bible was the Word of God?
2. When a person says the Bible is the Word of God, authoritative and without error, what does that mean to you?
3. John the Baptist, the warm-up band for Jesus, experienced a crisis of faith. His understanding from the Scriptures about what Jesus was to be and how he was actually experiencing Jesus were two different things. According to Luke, what was the reason for his doubt and how did he seek to work through it?
4. What kind of objections or obstacles to the claim that the Bible is the Word of God have you encountered? From whom and how did you respond?
5. If you were to list the reasons why you believe the Bible is the Word of God, what would they be?

MOVING FORWARD

Most alleged errors and so-called discrepancies in the Bible do not undermine the Bible's claim to the Word of God. Usually it means that I don't have full understanding. As Bill McRae observes, it is important to remember that, when it comes to these unresolved difficulties, history is on the side of Christianity. In 1800, the French Institute listed 82 errors that were to destroy the Bible. Today every one of them has been satisfactorily answered. When it comes to these difficulties, the burden of proof is on the critic to prove that it really is an error. The Bible claims to be the inerrant Word of God. It has been universally accepted as the Word of God for centuries. The claim stands until it is proven otherwise. The burden of proof is on the critic. We simply say, "Prove it!"

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Lord, I do believe, help me overcome my unbelief!
Mark 9:24

CLOSING PRAYER