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1. Is there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused or challenged you as a result of hearing Sunday's sermon?
2. What is your favorite Bible verse or passage? Why? How has it helped you "stand firm in the Lord?"
3. The focus of this week's study on the armor of God is the sword of the Spirit. What else does Ephesians 1:17 say about the sword of the Spirit?
4. Discuss the follow assertion by the late scholar and pastor James Montgomery Boise;

"Today a greater danger threatens—the danger of an indirect attack in which the Bible is confessed to be the Word of God, the only proper rule for Christian faith and practice, but is said to contain errors... Many Christians fail to see that this is also an attack on the Bible and so have their faith undermined without their even knowing it."

5. What do we learn about the Word of God from 2 Peter 1:20-21?

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²⁰ But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a *matter* of one's own interpretation, ²¹ for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

6. According to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is inspired by God.” The word *inspired* is literally “God-breathed.” Thusly, inspiration refers both to the source and quality of Scripture. Just as God has created the universe by his own “breathed out word,” so he has “breathed out” Scripture. How does knowing that “all Scripture” has as both its source and quality the creative power of God Almighty increase your confidence in wielding the word of God?
7. Read the following verses from the book of Romans and discuss what they reveal about how the Apostle Paul understood the Old Testament.

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; **as it is written**, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”

Romans 9:17

For the **Scripture says** to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I raised you up, to demonstrate My power in you, and that My name might be proclaimed throughout the whole earth.”

8. Romans 9:17 prefaces its quotation of Exodus 19:16 with “Scripture says.” According to Exodus 19:13 who is the actual speaker of these words?
- In light of this free interchange between “scripture says” and “the Lord says” early 20th century scholar BB Warfield coined the phrase “What scripture says, God says.”
 - Do you believe that every word of Scripture has been inspired by God in the sense that what scripture says God says?

9. Read Matthew 5:17-19 and discuss what these verses tell us concerning Jesus' understanding about God's Word.
10. Read John 17:7-8 & 17-20 and discuss what you learn from these verses concerning Christ's commission of the Apostles to record the Word of God.
11. According to 1 Thessalonians 2:13 and 2 Peter 2:14-16 how did the Apostles understand the message they spoke and wrote to the 1st century churches?
12. What does Ephesians 2:20 tell us about the words of the Apostles?
13. Discuss the follow description of what we mean when we say that the Bible is inerrant.

It means "without error, mistake, contradiction or falsehood." It means "true, reliable, trustworthy, accurate, infallible." To say that the Bible is inerrant means that it is absolutely true and trustworthy in everything that it asserts (whether that teaching has to do with doctrine, history, science, geography, geology or other disciplines or knowledge); it is totally without error.

https://bible.org/seriespage/part-iii-inerrancy-chapter-four-completely-trustworthy#_ftnref1

14. What do the verses below insist concerning the Word(s) of God?

Isaiah 45:19 (ESV)

I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, 'Seek me in vain.' I the Lord speak the truth; I declare what is right.

Psalms 119:160

The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.