

Introduction

This week, Pastor Jesse Tink talked about one of the characteristics of *Our DNA: Biblical*. We believe the Bible is the *inspired Word of God*. God's Spirit influenced the writers of Scripture to faithfully write what He revealed to them. The Bible claims its words aren't merely human words but God's words. The Bible also claims all of its words are inspired by God. Jesus Himself relied upon it as the inspired Word of God. The very best evidence for biblical inspiration is changed lives, as evidenced in people at PLC.

Discussion

1. **Read 2 Peter 1:19-21.** Why do we need to "pay attention" to the Scriptures written by the prophets of God? Look at the images Peter uses to describe what the Word of God does to a person. Can you think of other verses that use similar images, such as **Psalm 119:105**?
2. **Read 1 Timothy 3:16.** Discuss what you think "God-breathed" means when it refers to the Bible. How do you use it in your life for "teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness"? Give an example.
3. Share with your group a verse or verses that have inspired you to draw closer to God or understand Him better. What affect did these verses have on your faith life? Your relationships with others?

Think About It

"After I set out to refute Christianity intellectually and couldn't, I came to the conclusion the Bible was true and Jesus Christ was God's Son." Josh McDowell has written many books "proving" the validity of the Bible but only after the inspired Word of God captured his heart. His life was changed forever by the Bible, and our lives will also be changed if we spend time learning about God, His prophets and Jesus through His Word. "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." **Hebrews 4:12**

Do Something

1. If you do not already have the spiritual discipline of reading the Bible, now is the time to start! If you need help knowing where to begin or have questions about the Bible, check out websites such as biblegateway.com or ask a pastor, chaplain or friend.
2. Keep a journal nearby [paper or electronic] where you can take notes and write down questions and verses that stick out to you as you read. Reflect on what these verses teach you about yourself, God and your relationship with others.
3. Jesus quoted often from the prophets of the Old Testament. Take time this summer to study the verses Jesus used to refute arguments and testify about Himself and God the Father.