

The Nature, Purpose, and Power of Scriptures | Part 1 | Handout

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I. Origins of the Scriptures

1. Divine Inspiration

a) A Gift from God: 2 Timothy 3:16

- What do translations say about “All Scripture”

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b) Role of the Holy Spirit: 2 Peter 1:21 “*carried along*”

- Acts 27:15-17 (Boat at Sea) “*driven along*”
- 2 Samuel 23:2 - *Spirit of the Lord* (ref)

Questions for reflection/discussion:

- What does “divinely inspired” mean to you?
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- Why do you think it was important for Peter to emphasize that prophecy wasn't just man-made?
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- How does the tie-in with Acts 27:15-17 help with our understanding of 2 Peter 1:21?
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- Can you think of a time when you felt 'carried along' by the Holy Spirit in your life, just as the prophets were when writing?
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Key Takeaways:

1. The Bible is divinely inspired by God.
2. The writers were “carried along” by the Holy Spirit.
3. Like a boat at sea, we too are guided by God and his Word for our lives.
4. Despite being written over thousands of years, the Bible remains constant in our ever-changing world. *

**Psalm 119:160, 1 Peter 1:25 (additional verses)*