

Hearing God’s Voice in the Pages of Scripture

Session #1: The Word the Bible Speaks

How has God disclosed himself in Scripture, and how does that shape the way we approach the Bible?

I. Three Psalms

1. Delight, not duty (Psalm 1)
2. Transformation, not information (Psalm 19)
3. Relationship, not relevance (Psalm 119)

II. Three Convictions

‘The Bible, as originally given, is the inspired and infallible Word of God. It is the supreme authority in all matters of belief and behaviour.’ (UCCF Doctrinal Basis)

1. The inspiration the Bible possesses
2. The infallibility the Bible shows
3. The authority the Bible carries

III. Three Questions

1. What is hermeneutics?
2. Why is it important?
3. Where is its focus of interest?
 - ❖ Author – Text – Reader
 - ❖ Behind the text – in the text – in front of the text

Further Reading

For getting to grips with the significance that God speaks:

Rich Alldritt and Ash Carter, *God Speaks: Hearing, Connecting, Relating* (IVP, 2013).

Daniel Strange and Michael Ovey, *Confident: Why We Can Trust the Bible* (Christian Focus, 2015).

For starting out on the doctrine of Scripture:

Tim Chester, *Bible Matters: Meeting God in His Word* (IVP, 2017).

Kevin DeYoung, *Taking God at His Word: Why the Bible is Worth Knowing, Trusting and Loving* (IVP, 2014).

Andrew Wilson, *Unbreakable: What the Son of God Said About the Word of God* (10 Publishing, 2014).

For going further on the doctrine of Scripture:

Matthew Barrett, *God’s Word Alone: The Authority of Scripture, The 5 Solas Series* (Zondervan, 2016).

Timothy Ward, *Words of Life: Scripture as the Living and Active Word of God* (IVP, 2009).

For heavy lifting on the doctrine of Scripture:

John S. Feinberg, *Light in a Dark Place: The Doctrine of Scripture, Foundations of Evangelical Theology Series* (Crossway, 2018).

John M. Frame, *The Doctrine of the Word of God* (P&R Publishing, 2010).

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