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Source of Scripture
2 Peter 1:16-21
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit”

2 Peter 1:21



The 1st chapter of 2nd Peter concludes with a very strong statement for the Bible being the word of God. Peter says that no passage of Scripture was ever written as an act of man's will but was written by men that were moved by the Holy Spirit. This is a very significant point for Christianity. If the Bible is just the words of men then there are parts of it that we could disagree with. However, if the Bible is the word of God then we have no room to disagree with any of it and we must take all of it as truth that we should follow. This week join us in understanding where Scripture really comes from and the profound impact that understanding its source will have on the way we apply it to our lives.

Eyewitnesses

¹⁶ For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷ For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-pleased"— ¹⁸ and we ourselves heard

this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic word *made* more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. 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.

V **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Verse 16 tells us that Peter made known to them the power and the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why should we believe what Peter has written?

9. Who is the “we” in this passage referring to?

10. What event in scripture is Peter referring to in verse 18?

11. How is Scripture like a lamp?

12. What is the origin of Scripture?

13. What is Peter’s main point in this section of Scripture?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. There are other books that claim to be from God. How is the Bible different?

15. How can we know that the testimony of the Apostles is true?

16. How should the Bible be treated if it is simply the words of men? How should we treat it differently if we believe it is the words of God?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes