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SERMON SERIES: Why Should We Believe the Bible?

SERMON TITLE: **The Bible is God's Word**

TEXT

2 Timothy 3:16-17

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SUMMARY STATEMENT

Christians believe in the authority of the Bible because we believe **that the Bible is God's inspired word.**

INTRODUCTION

We believe that the **Bible is God's word** because it contains God's spoken word, because God spoke His word to men revealing Himself and His plan of redemption for mankind, and because God superintended the process of recording His speaking.

POINT 1

God is the source of the Bible.

2 Timothy 3: 16

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God *and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;*

Sub-Point 1: Every word in the Bible originates with God.

Sub-Point 2: There were many writers but one author.

Sub-Point 3: God superintended the writing of every word.

POINT 2

Righteous living is the goal of Bible.

Genesis 1:3

¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

Sub-Point 1: The goal of the Bible is to teach us right thinking.

Sub-Point 2: The goal of the Bible is to convict us of wrong thinking.

Sub-Point 3: The goal of the Bible is correct our errant behavior.

Sub-Point 4: The goal of the Bible is to train us in right behavior.

POINT 3

Preparation for service is the purpose of the Bible.

2 Timothy 3:17

¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Sub-Point 1: The Bible is adequate for faith and practice in the Christian life.

Sub-Point 2: The Bible is sufficient for the preparation for the work of ministry.