



# [study guide]

## RELIGIOUS MYTHS: Week 2

### 4.7.13

#### [warm up]

What were some things that impacted you or that you remembered from last weekend's worship service?

On a scale of 1(not well)-10(well), how well do you think you respond to authority?

Who have been some authority figures that you were glad to submit to and others that were difficult, and what were the differences?

On the topic of spiritual authority, what voices seem to speak loudest in our lives and in our culture?

#### [dig in]

Why do people struggle to believe that the Bible is God's Word, or feel a need to modify it or have no interest in letting it be their authority in their lives? How does 1 Cor. 2:12-14 assist our understanding?

How do the following definitions help us understand the "authority of God's Word"?

The authority of Scripture means that all the words in Scripture are God's words in such a way that to disbelieve or disobey any word of Scripture is to disbelieve or disobey God ( Systematic Theology- Wayne Grudem, P. 73)

By the authority of the Bible we mean that the Bible, as the expression of God's will to us, possesses the right supremely to define what we are to believe and how we are to conduct ourselves (Christian Theology – Millard J. Erickson, p. 267)

What parts of the Bible have been difficult for you to believe or obey?

If you want to persuade someone that The Bible is God's Word, and our authority for life, what do you want that person to read more than any other piece of literature?

Do you know of any proven fact in all of history that has shown something in the Bible to be false? Why does the Bible uniquely stand out among all the other religious writings and works in the world?



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Is it a weak argument to use Scripture to validate Scripture? What resources outside of the Bible could be used to support the uniqueness, authority and divine nature of Scripture?

Read the account of the temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4. What does this portion of Scripture teach us about (1) the authority of God's Word? (2) the power of God's Word (3) the use of God's Word?

In 2Tim. 3:16 we are told that All Scripture is "God breathed" and useful/profitable for four things – Teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. How would you define each area and what are some examples from your own life where you have seen that be true?

What additional principles or insights can we gain on the Bible from the following Scriptures?  
Deut. 4:2      Jer. 26:1-5      2Sam. 23:2      John 17:17      2Peter 1:20, 21

## [living it out]

On a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high) how do you feel you are living under the authority of God and obedience to what is in His Word?

What was a big take-away from last weekends' worship service or this time that will help you live according to God's revealed authority through His Word?

What disciplines and/or resources have helped you in your growth of knowing and obeying God's Word?

How can you help others who do not know about the authority of God's Word, or are not in a place where they are yielding or obeying God and what He has put forth in His Word?

Close in prayer and spend some time with God asking Him to help you to learn and know His Word, to love His Word, to live out His Word and to experience the joy, freedom and confidence that comes with obeying His Word.

Optional Extra exercise – add readings in Psalm 119 to your regular time in God's Word this week to deepen your love and appreciation for God's Word.