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JR High Spiritual Growth Guide

Foundations: What is the Word of God? Part 4

What is the Word of God?
The Word of God is the Bible. God inspired people to write all of the books of the Old and New Testaments. The Bible is the trustworthy and authoritative rule for what we believe and do.

WARM-UP QUESTION
Give the student several examples of two opposing choices. (ie. mountains or beach? Coke or Pepsi?) Have everyone step to one side for each, then have the students choose a speaker to defend why their group's choice is the correct one.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. How does the fact that the Bible was inspired by God affect how you live your daily life? *Encourage the students to think through situations they encounter daily that they could respond to from a Biblical perspective.*
2. What does the Bible teach us about our attitude, thoughts, and actions? *Guide the students to think through what they have learned about attitude, thoughts, and behaviors from the stories they know from the Bible. Encourage them to share some examples.*
3. Would you agree with the statement that Jesus is present throughout the Old Testament even though He is never mentioned by name? Explain your answer.

DIG DEEPER
1. Read 2 Timothy 3:14-17. Why is the Bible important? *The Bible is a collection of stories that were inspired by and given to us by God as a way for us to know God and grow our relationship with him.*
2. Are there ways in which you struggle with what the Bible says? How?
3. Does your confusion with certain verse or topics push you away from the Bible or pull you towards it? Why?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?
How would your life change if you believed and accepted that the Bible is the infallible and inspired word of God?

WORK OR WORD
Throughout the semester take a minute to write down a comment, word, or thought that God gave you all in small group each week. This is an opportunity for you and the Student Ministry staff to see how God is growing the students in your group during the year.

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