



Biblical Authority —

“Not Just a Container of Truth”

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article “Not Just a Container of Truth” on page 80 of *Answers* (Vol. 5 No. 1) before answering the questions.

1. What does Jeremiah 17:9 tell you about the reason for man’s careless attitude toward God’s Word and the wisdom of deciding for ourselves which parts are true and which are not? _____

2. Look at James 4:6 and Proverbs 1:7. How should the truths in these verses direct our approach to the Bible?

3. If the Bible merely contains truth, how extensive is its authority to govern our lives? _____

4. If truth is relative, or if each of us may have a different truth as postmodern philosophy maintains, do we have any solid basis for claiming that it is better to be a Christian than a Muslim or Buddhist? _____

5. Revelation 20:15 says, “And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.” Does this verse apply only to people who believe it? That is, if a person decides that this verse is not truth, is he free from its consequences? _____

6. Read Romans 3:3–4. What does this passage tell you about the wisdom of accepting every truth found in God’s Word, even if it is unpleasant? What logical support do the next two verses (5–6) give for accepting unpleasant truths in God’s Word? _____

7. How has this study affected your view of the Scriptures? In what ways might your approach to Bible study change?

