



INSPIRATION, PART 1—

Every Word Counts

Use the following discussion questions in your Sunday school class, small group, or family devotions. Read the article *Every Word Counts* on page 91 of *Answers* (Vol. 9 No. 3) before answering the questions.

Look at 2 Timothy 3:16–17.

1. What do these verses teach about the *product* of inspiration? (Who or what is “inspired”?) _____

2. What do these verses teach about the *extent* of inspiration? (How much of Scripture is inspired?) _____

3. What do these verses teach about the *usefulness* of inspired Scripture? (Note that verse 16 teaches four overlapping uses of Scripture.) _____

4. What do these verses teach about the *purpose* of inspiration? Why did God give us the Scriptures? How does this relate to personal sanctification? (Note John 17:17.) _____

Look at 2 Timothy 3:16–17.

5. What does this verse teach about the *ultimate origin* of Scripture? Was it from men or from God? What does this imply about the authority of Scripture? _____

6. What does this verse teach about the *means* of inspiration? Who was involved? _____

7. Today we often say that a speech or a musical composition or other creative effort is “inspired.” Given what these passages teach, can anything besides Scripture be “inspired” in the biblical sense? How can this be confusing in light of how the word *inspired* is used today? _____

