

# THE FUNDAMENTAL LIST

RECOVERING THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

## PART 8: THE BIBLE

Christians around the world hold to some view of Biblical inspiration, infallibility, or inerrancy. At the beginning of the full message, Andy shared his experience of being a student at Dallas Theological Seminary and studying under Dr. Norman Geisler, the editor of the textbook *Inerrancy*.

The Bible plays an extraordinarily important role in following Jesus. As we conclude our fundamental list, we're going to dive into what is essential to believe about the Bible.

### CONNECT

Has your view of the Bible evolved over time? How? Why?

### LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what was talked about today.

### APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Have you ever encountered someone whose view of the Bible removed your ability to ask questions or be honest with the questions you have? Why is being able to ask questions about your faith such an important component?
2. In the video, Andy said, "The foundation of our faith is an event (the resurrection) that launched a movement (the church of Jesus) that assembled the Bible."
  - a. Read **1 Corinthians 15:14**. What changes when we build our faith on the event of the resurrection instead of the reliability of the Bible?
  - b. Have you ever heard someone say, "An error in any part of the Bible undermines the credibility of all of it"? How does recognizing the resurrection as the foundation of Christianity help ease the tension that this statement represents?
3. There is a clear case to be made that the Bible is without error and establishing a habit of reading the Bible is a crucial part of following Jesus. Do you have a rhythm for engaging with Scripture every day? If not, how could your group help you start that habit?



# THE FUNDAMENTAL LIST

RECOVERING THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

## WRAP UP

In this series, we've discussed eight fundamentals of the Christian faith.

1. Jesus is God's Son and our King.
2. Jesus came to illustrate and demonstrate what God is like.
3. Jesus defined sin as anything that harms you or others.
4. Jesus promised justice in the end and invites us to trust him in the meantime.
5. Jesus died for your sin to reconcile you to God.
6. The church is God's agent of transformation personally, culturally, and globally.
7. Jesus followers are multipliers.
8. The Bible documents God's redemptive activities in the world, culminating in the arrival of his final King.

As a group, discuss how your faith has been impacted over the past several weeks as you've explored what is essential to follow Jesus. Is there anything you would have added? Would you reorder the list?

## PRAY

Take some time to pray as a group and ask God to seal these fundamentals into your memory and to guide you and keep you grounded as you follow Jesus.

