

## **AUGUST: THE PILLARS OF OUR FAITH / DOCTRINES**

### **August 10: The Inerrancy of Scripture**

Scripture: II Timothy 3:16-17, II Peter 1:20-21, John 17:17

- Can Scripture be inerrant and still be interpreted in different ways by different people? Why or why not?
- What challenges do Christians face today in upholding the inerrancy of Scripture?
- How does belief in inerrancy impact our view of controversial or difficult passages?
- How should we respond to claims that the Bible contains contradictions or historical errors?
- How has your belief in the reliability of the Bible influenced your faith?
- Is there a part of Scripture you've struggled to believe or understand as true? How did you or could you work through it?

### **August 17: Creation**

Scripture: Genesis 1-2

- What is the significance of the repeated phrase, "And God saw that it was good"?
- What does it mean to be made in God's image (Genesis 1:26-27)? How does that affect how we view ourselves and others?
- Why do you think Genesis 2 zooms in on the creation of man and woman?
- What does the Creation account teach us about rest and Sabbath (Genesis 2:2-3)?
- How do Genesis 1 and 2 shape your understanding of work, rest, and purpose?
- What does the Creation story say to a world that often questions its origins or identity?

### **August 24: Salvation- Works vs. Faith**

Scripture: James 2:14-26, Ephesians 2:8-10

- James says, "faith without works is dead." What does that mean practically?
- Can someone claim to have faith but never produce fruit or good works? What would James say about that? What would Paul say?
- How do we avoid relying on our works to try to "earn" God's love or approval?
- How does the relationship between faith and works fit into Ephesians 2:10: "created in Christ Jesus for good works"?

### **August 31: Christian Worship**

Scripture: John 4:23-24, Romans 12:1-2

- Is worship more about what happens on Sunday or how we live throughout the week—or both? Why?
- What does it mean to worship "in spirit and in truth"?
- How do "spirit and truth" (John 4) and "living sacrifice" (Romans 12) work together in defining true worship?
- What does a lifestyle of worship look like in your job, family, or daily routines?