***The Nature of***

***The Bible***

**Why do Christians believe the Bible to be the Word of God? And if it is the Word of God, how is it relevant for us today?**

Question Grouping #1- The imagery in Isaiah 55

Read Isaiah 55:9-11 and answer the questions below.

**What imagery is used in these verses to describe God’s word?**

**What do these verses say about God’s Word?**

**When has God used Scripture to accomplish in your life what He intended to—by convicting you, encouraging you, or giving you direction you needed?**

Question Grouping #2- How God’s Word shapes us.

Read Hebrews 4:12-13 and then answer the following questions.

**How is the Bible utterly unique and unlike any other book in the world?**

**Because the Bible is “living and active,” what sorts of things does it do?**

**According to these verses, does God still use His Word to speak to us today? How?**

Question Grouping #3- The Authority of the Bible

Read Deuteronomy 18:18–21 and answer the following questions.

**When inspired by God, does the prophet speak his own words or the words of God?**

**Because the words spoken by the prophet originate from God, what quality do the words have?**

**Are the words binding in the sense that they must be obeyed?**

**Wrap Up**

**Does authority also imply responsibility? God has spoken through His Word, and His Word is “living and active” today. Therefore, do we as His people need to obey His Word? Explain how this is true.**

**From your knowledge of the Bible, what are some things God commands us to do today?**

**Does the nature of God’s word affect how we should now live if we claim to be believers? If so how does it change the way you currently live?**